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OUTLINES.

Andrew Carnegie was a witness before the Ways and Means Committee of the House yesterday and for eight hours was put through a gruelling examination, regarding the steel interests of the country. He accepted the cross-fire of questions good naturedly, but avoided figures and failed to enlighten the committee to any extent on the steel question——Since the departure of President Castro from Venezuela, Vice President Gomez has established a new government by replacing the old ministry——Frank Febringer, self-confessed night rider, at the trial in Union City, Tenn., yesterday told a startling story of the Rankin murder, and a score more of other outrages. Mrs. Emma Thurman Johnson, an alleged victim of the band, also made a good witness for the State——Suydam, the man shot by Lumsden dies in hospital. Lumsden is held without bail——By order of the President Major Morrow is suspended from the position of engineer commissioner of the District of Columbia——The court of inquiry yesterday began its inquiry into the sinking of the cruiser Yankee——Night riders destroying ginneries are becoming alarmingly frequent in Laurins county, S. C.——Mrs. Annis and other witnesses gave damaging testimony against Thornton Hains yesterday——The "Wets" win in the liquor election in Abingdon, Va.——Taft yesterday held a conference with John H. Hammond, president of the National League of Republican Clubs. He says he has made no more Cabinet appointments——New York markets: Money on call firm at 3 to 3 3-4 per cent., ruling rate 3 1-2, closing bid 3 1-4, offered at 3 1-2. Flour dull and barely steady. Wheat firm, No. 2 red 1.06 1-8 to 1.07 5-8 elevator. Corn easy, No. 2, 64 1-2 to arrive elevator. Oats steady; mixed 54 to 54 1-2. Rosin and turpentine quiet. Cotton quiet, 6 points decline, middling uplands 9.15, middling gulf 9.40.

Christmas this week. Do you feel it in your bones?

If Taft hangs up his Christmas stocking in Augusta next Thursday night it should be one big enough for the South to put a cabinet officer in.

That Chicago man who boasted that he had never lied to his wife turned out to be an old bachelor. He knew the value of a successful alibi.

The fellows who seek a bracer Friday morning of next week will have to have it sent across the State line or hunt it in the tiger jungles.

The next thing you know Congress will be demanding that the secret service shall advertise in the papers every mission one of its members is sent on.

Roosevelt was so overcome at the story of that California man who says he saw an aligator kill an eagle in mid-air that he could not sign his commission as a "nature faker."

Russia must have a feeling of sympathy for Venezuela every time she hears of the destruction of a fleet of the latter's splendid navy by the overpowering naval forces of Holland.

The Ways and Means Committee should surely embrace in its tariff revision report the free importation of "chief executive muzzlers" especially those of German manufacture.

Everyone knows that St. Louis preacher who urged women to paint and to powder on the ground that to beautify ourself is a woman's duty did not have a wife with a pretty complexion.

It is said Taft is going to Panama because of the revival of the idea that a sea-level canal is preferable to one with locks. The Gatun dam landslide must have been worse than the public was led to believe.

Roosevelt can't send to Congress any more special messages until January 4th; but that does not mean that he can't occupy the intervening time in writing a few to be fired at the Congress as soon as it meets.

While on his return-trip from his African hunt Roosevelt ought to make a stop-over at Constantinople and give the Sultan some pointers on how to bulldoze a Congress. He might cross over into Russia and do the same for the Czar.

President Roosevelt has not yet publicly declared his intention to fall in line with his friend Kaiser William, in the latter's life-long water-wagon procession. He will wait until he gets through the reptile-infested jungles of Africa before doing so.

Football Game With Savannah.

The strong Wilmington football aggregation, will play a team from Savannah, in the closing contest of the season, at New League Park on Christmas day. Both teams have made good records during the season and the game next Friday will doubtless attract much interest.

FISH DIE ASHORE

Rare Phenomena Witnessed Sunday and Yesterday at Wrightsville Beach and Sound.

CAST UP BY THE BARRELS

Probably Killed by Dynamite Used in Wrecking or by Discharge of Heavy Artillery at Fort Caswell. Fertilizer Purposes.

No end of speculation as to the cause of the phenomenon has been created by the appearance of drifts of hundreds of barrels of manhaden or "fat backs" with other varieties of sea fish along the coast, both in the sounds and on the beach, in the vicinity of Wrightsville Beach.

The fish first made their appearance on Sunday morning and when cast up by the water were either dead or so badly injured or diseased that they died after leaving their natural element. Hundreds of people who went to the beach Sunday and yesterday to witness the phenomenon are unable to account for the presence of the fish unless they were killed in schools as they passed up the coast by dynamite used by the United States Revenue Cutter Seminole in blowing up some wreckage off Cape Lookout last week or were killed by the concussion of the big guns at Fort Caswell during practice at floating targets some miles off shore last Wednesday. Still another theory is that in migrating southward with the change in the temperature of the water the fish were attacked by some fatal disease and were cast up by the tide. At any rate the fish appeared in such large numbers along the beach and in the Sound at Wrightsville that the Tidewater Power Company and residents there became apprehensive lest when decomposition set in they would be a menace to health and they set to work with others who desired to use them for fertilizing purposer to clean them up with pitchforks and all other implements available. The fish were largely "fat backs" or menhaden which are unfit for domestic use, though there were among them a number of flounders and speckled trout. Three freight cars were loaded with the fish yesterday for commercial purposes and others were hauled away by residents on the Sound for compost purposes on their farms.

Were the Summer season in progress at present, the unusual story of the "flood of fish" would undoubtedly be credited to the vivid imagination of the press agent, but the situation Sunday and yesterday with residents and the Tidewater Power Company was one which they would have been very glad to have gotten away from.

The United States Revenue Cutter Seminole was in port yesterday forenoon and it was stated that the officers on board did not believe the dynamiting of the wreck would have caused such wholesale destruction of the fish as wrecks are frequently blown up along the coast with no such results. The same was stated with reference to the practice with the big guns at the fort, a well known local mariner stating that even if the fish had been killed by the concussion the current off Caswell is to the southeast and it would be hard to account for the drift further up the beach.

It is recalled by seafaring men that 10 or 12 years ago about Cape Lookout very large fish, eight or ten feet in length, were thrown up by the tide along the beach, but no one seems to have a satisfactory explanation of the present phenomenon at Wrightsville Beach. The theory that the fish were killed and injured by dynamite is strengthened by the similarity of their appearance to that of fish killed in the same manner in small streams and lakes. There is a fleck of blood at the gills and they appear to have been stunned. At any rate the "fish question" yesterday divided time with the preparations for the holidays in great shape.

UGLY AFFAIR AT DUNN

White Man Died in Guard House and an Arrest Follows Autopsy.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Dunn, N. C., Dec. 21.—Mr. R. F. Thornton, of Harnett county, died in the guard house here Saturday night about 11:30 under very suspicious circumstances. Mr. Thornton came to town about 9 o'clock in the morning and was apparently sober until about night when he suddenly became very stupid and would not talk. He was supposed to be simply drunk. About 10 P. M. Mr. Thornton appeared to be in an unnatural sleep and Drs. Lee and Hicks were called but he was dead when the physicians arrived. Several rumors of an ugly nature were at once afloat and the coroner, Dr. Caviness, of Lillington, arrived about 7 o'clock and summoned a jury and at this writing are holding an inquest but no verdict has been reached.

Later—The evidence developed was of such a nature that an autopsy was necessary. As a result of the investigation Mr. George Moore Lee is in jail without bond.

Fleece soles and crochet slippers at Peterson & Ruulfs. thu-su-tu

MARRIED IN PHILADELPHIA

Mr. Thomas Philip Hammer, of Wilmington, Claims Bride in His Native State of Pennsylvania—To Live Here.

The Philadelphia Press of Sunday contains the following account of the marriage of Mr. Thomas Philip Hammer, of this city, and Miss Thalia Lynch Dobson, which will be read with much interest by numerous friends of the groom in this city:

"Two lineal descendants of original settlers in Pennsylvania were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in St. Philip's Protestant Episcopal Church, Forty-second street and Baltimore Avenue, when Miss Thalia Lynch Dobson became the bride of Mr. Thomas Philip Hammer.

"The ceremony was performed by Rev. Norman Van Pelt Levis, assisted by Rev. Clarence Watt Bispham, rector of the church.

"The bride was charming in her gown of asphodel satin, trimmed with point de Burano lace, made with court train. Her tulle veil was caught with orange blossoms and she carried a bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley and white Killarney roses.

"The matron of honor, Mrs. Francis Salisbury McIlhenny, herself a recent bride, wore a gown of pale pink chiffon with a hat of Ottoman silk, with pink plumes. The flowers she carried were bridesmaid roses and white lilacs.

"The little flower girls, Miss Edith Lindsay Walker and Miss Eleanor Wells Walker, wore white batiste frocks, made Empire, and white poke bonnets trimmed with baby roses. They carried baskets of bridesmaid roses.

"Mr. John Levering Hammer, brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and Master Lawrence Godley and Master Henry Godley were pages. The ushers were: Mr. James A. Walker, Mr. Robert Corson, Jr., Mr. Ritner K. Walling, Mr. Holman White, Mr. William H. Blaney, of New York city, and Mr. Barnes, of Washington, D. C.

"Following the ceremony a reception for the family and intimate friends was held at the home of Mrs. Henry Godley, 214 South Forty-second street, after which Mr. and Mrs. Hammer left on their wedding journey.

"The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hadley Dobson, of 414 South Broad street. She is a direct descendant of Lewis Walker who was one of the first settlers in the Chester Valley.

"The bridegroom was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1904. He was a sprinter and broad jumper. He won his "P" for his broad jumping in the intercollegiates of 1904 and was one of the five-man relay team that broke the world's record for one mile, March 5, 1904, winning the "Hanna" medal. In his Junior year, he won the Frazier prize for the highest scholarship of all the athletes in the University.

"Mr. Hammer is a lineal descendant, on his father's side, of Dirk Keyser, and on his mother's side, of Weigard Levering, who were two of the original settlers of Germantown.

"His family possesses the first marriage certificate made in Pennsylvania, between Johan Frey and Anna Katherina Levering in 1690. A very quaint document written by Francis Daniel Pastorsius and signed by many of the first settlers in Germantown.

"Mr. Hammer is a member of the Cape Fear Club and the Carolina Yacht Club, of Wilmington, N. C., where he is engaged in the lumber business and where he and his bride will make their future home."

FINE BIBLICAL PICTURE.

"Jerusalem at the Time of Christ," Religious Film to be Shown.

The Bijou, on North Front street, will make an extraordinary offering in moving pictures this afternoon and evening in the presentation of the splendid Biblical story of "Jerusalem in the Time of Christ." This is a double film of nearly 2,000 feet and is pronounced by the Dramatic Mirror "a great religious film of a very high order." It says nearly 200 people were employed in acting the several scenes, huge painted backgrounds having been made especially for the piece. The scenes presented vividly portray the annointing of David by Samuel, David's hearing of the slaughter of his flock, his entering the bear's den, David slaying Goliath and David, the chosen of Saul. The second reel shows the entrance of Herod to Jerusalem, diversions of Herod's court, Christ on the mount, his healing of the blind beggars, his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, driving the money changers from the temple, Christ and Mary Magdalena, his raising of the widow's son, on the way to Calvary, the court of Cestius and the invasion of Jerusalem by Titus. The scenes are reverently and beautifully shown and are bound to have a wholesome effect in their presentation.

Juniors Distribute Turkeys.

As a mark of esteem and remembrance and carrying out the annual custom of Jeff Davis Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., Messrs. E. C. Woodbury and W. E. Yopp, selected as a committee from the lodge, yesterday completed the distribution of a number of turkeys to the families of deceased Juniors. The Christmas turkeys were received with the greatest appreciation.

Ku Klux Klan Academy tonight, 10, 20 and 30 cents. **

WATER WORKS DEAL

Negotiations Will be Taken Up Again as Soon as Bonds are Realized Upon.

LETTER FROM PURCHASERS

Only Few Formalities Now to be Passed Upon and Money Will be Available—Committee to Investigate Pipe.

It having been tentatively agreed upon by the Board of Aldermen that nothing conclusive will be attempted toward consummating the deal for the present water works plant until the proceeds of the recent bond sale are in hand, it will be of interest to know that on yesterday a letter was received from the purchasers, N. W. Harris & Co., of New York and Boston, which indicates that there will be no hitch in the proceedings and that the money will be available early in the New Year, if, indeed, not before that time.

The letter from Messrs. Harris & Co., stated that they were very much pleased that the regular proceedings, sent to guide their attorneys in passing upon the validity of the bonds, were in such complete shape. In making up a record bond houses have to include some unimportant matters for the satisfaction of their purchasers and the letter yesterday simply requested certain certificates as to purely formal matters which are entirely routine, so that no hitch is expected in the further proceedings towards consummating the deal. N. W. Harris & Co., have been furnished with the additional unimportant information and the money for the sale of the securities is expected to be deposited at once subject to draft by the city.

While nothing conclusive will be attempted by the Board of Aldermen pending the receipt of the proceeds of the bond, the committee which has the matter in hand is getting all necessary information for the enlightenment of the Board when it meets to finally pass upon the question of whether the established plant will be purchased and, if so, at what price.

The question of the condition of the pipe underground which was raised at the recent meeting, will likely be settled by the committee this week. The Clarendon Water Works Company has given its willing consent for the pipe to be unearthed at any point or points that the committee may designate and Chairman Wood, of the committee, has conferred with the Mayor in regard to the same with the understanding that the committee will make the request again of the water company and the pipe will be taken up and examined to ascertain the truthfulness of the charge that it is corroded and damaged by long use.

There is very little talk now of employing another expert to pass upon the physical plant, members of the Board freely admitting that even if another appraisement by an engineer were made, if his estimate did not coincide with their views on the value, they would be free to discard his opinion of the matter.

Much emphasis has been laid upon the fact that any valuation of the plant should be as to its utility for enlargement and improvement. It is recalled, in the light of recent developments, that this was the value placed upon the property by Col. Ludlow, who gave his figures based upon the value of the plant as a utility and its value as a going concern. It is expected that soon after the Christmas holiday, the Board of Aldermen will be called together to pass upon the matter finally.

SHOOTING AND ACCIDENT.

One Croatan Shoots Another—Negro Mangled in Cotton Oil Mill.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 21.—Yesterday afternoon there was a shooting affray about five miles from town in which Alfred Thomas shot Pink Woods, the ball taking effect in the head. Woods was brought to town and Dr. Knox gave the necessary surgical attention. The trouble seems to have originated about an organ which Woods sold Thomas upon which there was a mortgage. Both are Croatans.

At 7 o'clock this morning Sam Bennett, colored, employed at the oil mill, got his hands caught in one of the presses and both were terribly lacerated. He was hurried to the hospital where his right arm was amputated just below the elbow, Dr. Thompson performing the operation. Dr. Thompson fears it will be necessary to amputate the left arm also as it is terribly mangled and tonight there are indications of gangrene.

"Slumberland" by Local Talent.

A musical extravaganza produced under the direction of Mr. Foote, entitled "Slumberland" which has recently been presented most creditably in several cities of the State, will be given at the Academy of Music here some time in February, under the auspices of the Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters, who have recently completed all arrangements. The cast, which will require a hundred people, will be composed entirely of local talent. Rehearsals will probably begin shorty after the Christmas holidays.

THE VACANT JUDGESHIP

Several Aspirants For Judicial Position of Late Judge Thomas R. Purnell, of the United States District Courts.

There is much speculation just at present as to the possible successor of the late Thomas R. Purnell, judge of the United States District and Circuit Courts for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and a number of names of distinguished North Carolinians are being mentioned in connection with the place.

A dispatch last night from Raleigh says that ex-Judge E. W. Timberlake has for several days had endorsements from a number of people in the State, including, it is said, Governor Glenn, and that he is making an active campaign for the appointment. Col. Harry Skinner, the present district attorney, is also a candidate for the place and it is stated that by his right of succession and eminent qualifications, he will in all probability be the appointee. Col. Skinner, who is decidedly popular in Wilmington, where he made a reputation for himself in the prosecution of Henry Scott and the other mutineers captured off this coast a few years ago, has received the endorsement of a number of the leading attorneys of the Wilmington bar who have large practice in the Federal Courts of the District and this was telegraphed yesterday morning to Washington as an entirely voluntary expression from his friends here.

Mr. Iredell Meares, of this city, who has been frequently mentioned as the possible successor of Judge Purnell, had refrained from actively participating in a contest for the office but it is known that strong influences very close to the President are in his favor. A special last night from Raleigh states that it had been talked there that Mr. Meares was a candidate but that it is understood there now that the Wilmington bar, including Mr. Meares, has endorsed Col. Skinner and that in the event of the latter's appointment Mr. Meares will be named to the district attorneyship of the court. The special from Raleigh further states that the general expectation is that Col. Skinner will get the appointment and that his successor will be either H. F. Seawell, of Carthage; George Butler, of Sampson, a brother of the ex-Senator, or Mr. Meares, of Wilmington. Mr. Seawell spent yesterday in Raleigh, presumably looking after his possible appointment.

The Charlotte Observer of yesterday mentions Judge Spencer B. Adams, head of the G. O. P. forces in the State as a passible successor of Judge Purnell and states that District Attorney Holton, who stands high in official circles in Washington, may get the appointment. Judge Adams and District Attorney Holton, however, are both from the West and it is not believed they would interfere in an Eastern District appointment. Mr. Meares, of Wilmington, is also mentioned by the Charlotte Observer, which says that he would reflect honor upon the office.

Mr. Meares is known to be very friendly to Col. Skinner and recognizes his prior claim to the appointment and friends here hope that a reconciliation of all differences may come with the appointment of Col. Skinner to the judgeship and the naming of Mr. Meares as the successor in office of Col. Skinner, who is an exceedingly able and dignified jurist, acquainted with the machinery of the courts and eminently qualified to bring to the bench its traditional knowledge of the law and judicial temperament.

CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS.

Wharf Merchants Will Transact No Business Friday and Saturday.

On account of the Christmas holiday, the following wholesale grocers and brokers have agreed to close their places of business on the wharf Friday and Saturday of this week: J. A. Taylor, S. P. McNair, Brown Bros., Hall & Pearsall, Inc., Wilmington Brokerage Co., O. H. Wright & Co., J. C. Stevenson Co., R. H. Pickett, The Worth Co., J. H. Watters, McNair & Pearsall, F. E. Hasbagen Co., Crescent Candy Co., Boney & Harper Milling Co., E. M. Gregg, W. A. Whitehead & Son, Brown, Toon & Co., Jas. I. Metts, the McDiarmid Co., John R. Turrentine & Son, J. S. Funchess & Co., and John T. Rankin. Other merchants are expected to be added to the list before the holiday.

Married Near Scott's Hill.

On Saturday at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Henry Tompkins, near Scott's Hill, Justice of the Peace R. N. Sweet, of Castle Haynes, officiated at a very quiet but pretty marriage ceremony which united in wedlock Miss Bessie May Tompkins and Mr. William A. Sandlin, of Verona. An elegant supper and reception with music and other delightful features followed the ceremony.

Communication With Onslow.

The Onslow Telephone Company, recently chartered by the Secretary of State, is now constructing lines in Onslow county, radiating from Jacksonville, N. C., and early in the new year, it is stated that connection will be made with the Southern Bell lines to this city. This service would be greatly appreciated by the business community and the people generally here.

AFFAIRS IN RALEIGH

Funeral of Late Judge Thomas R. Purnell, Conducted on Sunday Afteonoon.

THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Annual Report of Work Accomplished by Department—Statistics of Manufacturing in State. Governor Glenn.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 21.—The funeral of the late Thomas R. Purnell, judge of the United States Circuit and District Courts, of the Eastern District of North Carolina, here on Sunday afternoon was attended by a great number of people.

The service was from the Church of the Good Shepherd, and was conducted by Bishop Cheshire, Dr. I. McK. Pittinger, the rector, and Rev. M. A. Barber, of Christ Episcopal Church. The honorary pall-bearers included E. C. Duncan, Seaboard Air Line receiver; Col. A. B. Andrews, Col. Harry Skinner, district attorney, and Messrs. George Green and Sam P. Collier, clerks of the Federal courts, respectively at Newbern and Wilmington. The interment was with I. O. O. F. honors by the two Raleigh lodges.

Secretary R. D. W. Connor's biennial report of the work of the State Historical Commission declares that the Legislature has been liberal to the commission and its work and the commission has nothing to ask except that it be given opportunity to demonstrate the importance of its work. He declares that North Carolina is now both making and writing history. The report reviews at length the progress of the gathering, compiling and preserving of material for North Carolina history and the equipment for this work provided by the commission in the State House, and presents the undertaking of the commission, to place busts of prominent Carolinians in the niches of the State House rotunda, the first to be that of William A. Graham, prominent in the early history of the State and the Nation.

Governor Glenn, who went to Greenville, S. C., to confer in regard to the laymen's missionary work which he will undertake later, went from Greenville to Washington to look after some personal interests there. He will return Wednesday.

Nearly $43,000,000 capital invested in miscellaneous manufactories other than cotton, woolen, knitting mills and furniture factories, is the showing made by the annual report of the Commissioner of Labor and Printing, an increase of nearly a million over the previous year. There are 555 factories, employing 30,053 persons, 838 less than last year. Wages and hours of labor are shown to be about normal. Total horse power used is 114,092. Steam predominates with water and electricity, respectively, second and third rank. Eighty-two per cent. of the owners declare in favor of a general State compulsory education law.

MURDER IN BLADEN

Negro Arrested Here Recently Will Have to Face That Charge.

Henry Spivey, the negro arrested upon his arrival here on the Seaboard Air Line train Sunday a week ago, has been taken to Bladen county and placed in jail on a charge of murder, his father-in-law, Frank Shaw, having died last week of the wounds inflicted last Thursday night at his home near Abbottsburg. Shaw had had trouble with his son-in-law, who is generally regarded as a desperate character, and on the night in question, he went out to a pump in his yard to get a bucket of water and was fired on from ambush. Both his eyes were put out and he was otherwise injured. Later investigation proved that prior to the shooting a pot of kerosene with a shuck in it had been placed under Shaw's house with the evident purpose of arson, the opportunity to shoot having later presented itself. Hounds tracked Spivey to his home and he afterwards disappeared, being later spotted by Captain W. B. Williams, conductor on the Seaboard train, and turned over to an officer upon the arrival of his train at Wilmington. Spivey attributes the shooting of his father to night riders and said he was leaving the county to avoid the same persons. However, he is generally regarded as a bad negro and has spent most of his life roving around the country, where he has had the general reputation of being a gambler. He is said to be wanted under a $1,000 reward in Florida.

Comes to Hospital Here.

Dr. Paul Peyton Lane, of Wilson, N. C., who has recently completed his course, has successfully stood a competitive examination for the position of interne at the James Walker Memorial Hospital in this city and has already entered upon his duties. He succeeds Dr. Kerr, who has resigned the position at the hospital to connect himself with the Relief Department of the Atlantic Coast Line at the general offices in this city. Dr. Lane will be cordially welcomed to Wilmington and Dr. Kerr will have the best wishes of many friends in his new position.

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ROOSEVELT AND TAFT.

Congress adjourned Saturday to meet again on January 4th to resume legislative business. From now until then the public will have a rest from the constant firing of Roosevelt messages at Congress. This is a rest the people will enjoy. We believe that so far during the present session of Congress of about three weeks Roosevelt has broken the record in the transmission to Congress of special messages. When Congress meets again—judging from the past—the President will have a number of messages to fire at the public through Congress, but they will come so thick and fast that the public will have no time to consider them, and, therefore, no matter how vicious they may be, they will fall harmless as to most of the vituperative denunciations of public men or private citizens from that source. The people have begun to understand Roosevelt and to take his public documents at their real worth. It will be a real relief to the public when the fourth of March comes and the present occupant of the White House vacates his place and gives place to a man of well-balanced mind and one who will not attempt to rule the country by the force of his position as the acknowledged executive. The whole country will draw a long breath of relief when it knows that Roosevelt is no longer at the head of the Executive Department of the Government, but is supplanted by one who is gifted with judgment and calm deliberation. It will be a relief to the whole country when the time comes that it can swap a Roosevelt for a Taft as the executive head of the Government. Let us of the South hope that in the swap, though between two Republicans, we will not be disappointed in what we expect to gain by the exchange. The South expects much from Taft. It had nothing to expect from Roosevelt.

TWO KINDS OF TARIFF PRINCIPLES.

We regret that we cannot follow those of our Southern people interested in different industries who, while advocating the general principle of low tariff advocate and urge protective tariff on each one of the industries in which they are engaged. To do so would be to abandon the Democratic principle of tariff for revenue only—if that is what the Democratic party still advocates. If we as Democrats are to advocate low tariff as a principle, but make an exception of each local industry because it could be benefitted at the expense of the general public by an exceptionally high tariff what is going to become of the principle? If exception is to be made in favor of one class of producers or manufacturers why should it not be made in favor of each and every other class so situated? If this rule of making exceptions is carried out the men interested in nine out of ten of the articles included in the schedule of the tariff law have a right to claim exception and demand protection for their business. Then where comes your revision of the tariff except in an upward direction? Such reasoning leads to the establishment of a form of government working for the benefit of the favored few at the expense of the many—the taxing of the public generally for the benefit of the favored class, while the claim is made that our plan of government is for the greatest good to the greatest number, and wherein the party which is attempting in theory to carry out that principle are found men as ardently opposed to it in practice when their interests are concerned as there are in the other political party who recognize no such political principle.

REAL TARIFF REFORM.

The Ways and Means Committee of the House has announced that it is through with its investigation of the many questions which have been brought before it and that it is ready to begin formulating a bill in revision of the present law. If the committee has gotten any information from the hearings that will enable it to come to a just and fair arrangement of the schedules we have yet to hear what that information was. Almost without exception every individual industry which was represented before the committee favored the general principle of low tariff, but wanted protective duty for the specific article it represented. That is the way of it and it is the reason the Democratic claim for tariff for revenue only can not amount to anything. Every Democrat wants a low tariff on all other articles except the one in which he is pecuniarily interested and on that particular article he thinks the Government should give highest protection. Until the Democrats can get together on this, the most important principle of the party, it cannot be expected that it, as a political party, can win the election for the Presidency. The party which is divided on the principles of the main issue between the two parties cannot be expected to succeed when fighting a political foe who is united on that issue. The question is: Does the Democratic party want tariff reform as a general issue for the benefit of the people or does it simply advocate it for political purposes? That is the question and it is one which the voters will call upon the Democrats to answer.

On last Wednesday John D. Rockefeller received a check for four million dollars as his dividend for the last quarter of the present year on the stock he owns in the Standard Oil Company. This is the fourth dividend of like amount the company has declared during the present year. John D. ought to be able to worry through the Christmas holidays on that, we should think.

The Raleigh Times says the name of the Senator from Arkansas is "Jefferson" Davis as shown by the Congressional Directory. Reference to that book will show the Times that that in his sketch of himself furnished the publisher of that book Senator Davis gives his name as "Jeff" Davis. Mr. Times Editor, please don't call him "Jefferson" Davis any more..

What are the Tar Heel stand-patters of Democracy going to say about Governor Glenn and Governor-elect Kitchin favoring sending an invitation to the Republican President-elect to deliver an address before the Democratic Legislature of this rock-ribbed Democratic State?

When the German people told their Kaiser that he was talking too much he yielded to public sentiment. We do not know what Kaiser Roosevelt would do if the American people would say the same to him; but we do know that they seem to be afraid to make the experiment.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—Will some one kindly remove the bushel from the arc light of Arkansas and let the effulgence of long pent-up oratory charm the souls of jaded Senators. Where—oh, where—is the Right Honorable Jeffries Davis? Must we fancy his lyre unstrung? Eloquence—that's what we want.—Charlotte News.

—We repeat that contemporaries which try to avoid The Landmark's points against the throttling Virginia poll-tax by suggesting that we are "splitting hairs," will find out that we are splitting rails. Three white men vote in North Carolina where two vote in Virginia. Why? Are Virginians inferior to North Carolinians in citizenship?—Norfolk Landmark.

—Hon. R. A. Doughton, who was once speaker of the house in the Legislature and was mentioned for that position at the next session, has announced that he will not be a candidate for that position. His declining to enter the contest makes it look all the more certain that Mr. W. C. Dowd will be the next Speaker, and a better selection could not be made.—Greenville Reflector.

—Newspaper men who remember the deluge of Philander C. Knox literature during the past campaign, will be ready to congratulate that gentleman in having landed a seat in Taft's Cabinet. He gets the job of Secretary of State, and if he is not President, he is at least a member of the President's family. But taking a serious view of the appointment, it is a good one. Knox is an able man, even if he is not good Presidential timber.—Charlotte Chronicle.

—Just as The Journal expected, the demand for increased tariff on peanuts is not from the actual grower of peanuts, though the "arguments" before the Ways and Means Committee were all based on consideration of the welfare of the producer. This week's Southhampton Democrat, which is published in one of the leading counties of the State, prints the following: "In our last week's issue we invited the peanut growers of this county and community who favored an increase in tariff on peanuts to write or call at this office and sign a petition to that effect. Up to last (Wednesday) night we have received one letter endorsing and six callers to sign the petition."—Richmond Journal.

—It seems ungracious to say it, but the thought is on everybody's tongue and the fact protrudes itself that never was there such begging as the almost universal gift-asking that afflicts this Christmastide. Boxes and stamps and letters and delegations and every form of getting something for nothing are out in force, with hands extended and voices raised. Charity, both organized and unorganized, demands support. The modest and troubled man who earns his living and tries to pay his bills wanders through a maze of solicitations and gets the impression that at least one-half the world is expecting the other half to feed, clothe and shelter it. It may be no time for such a complaint as this, but we distinctly resent and deplore the unseemly endeavors of healthy men and women who ought to be working for wages scrambling for alms and doing all they can to rob a festival that belongs to the children.—Baltimore Star.

—Mr. Taft's remarks on the tariff in his speech at the Ohio Society dinner in this city appears to be taken as an authoritative interpretation of the Republican platform on the subject, and a definition of what must be done in revising the tariff in order to keep the party pledge. He spoke of the tariff plank as the most important in the platform and as fixing the standard by which revision is to be governed. Then he proceeded to explain what it means as he understands it, and to insist that it must be strictly complied with. The platform said that "the true principle of protection is best maintained by the imposition of such duties as will equal the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad, together with a reasonable profit to American industries." "Now, what that means as I understand it," said Mr Taft, "is the cost of production includes abroad a reasonable profit or interest on capital, and so here a reasonable interest on capital, and that that differs abroad from what it is here, and that all that means is that you include the elements of cost abroad, which include the raw material, cost of labor, interest on capital, and perhaps other things, and so on this side, and then reach the difference; and that in this revision which we are to make that difference is what our tariff shall be."—Journal of Commerce.

TWINKLINGS.

—Perks—I'd like to have you help us out at bridge. Play? Lane—Not a very good game. "So much the better. We play for money."—Life.

—Mrs. Hatterson—Sometimes I feel guilty taking so much time from my children to play bridge. Mrs. Catterson—But think of the splendid game you play!

—Hoax—I suppose business is improving since election. Joax—Yes; I am told that even the clockmakers are putting on more hands.—Philadelphia Record.

—Golfer—You've caddied for me before. Will you give me some hints before we start? Sandy—Weel, if ye'll just no dae what ye're gaean' to dae, ye'll no dae sae bad.—Punch.

—"Fine looking old gentleman." "Yes, but he was never known to give a man his word that he didn't break it." "Dishonest, eh." "Nope, stutters."—Houston Post.

—"You mustn't play with Mr. Borum's hat, Bobby," said a young lady who was entertaining a caller to her small brother. "Why mustn't I?,' asked the youngster. "Because you might break it replied his sister, "and besides, he will want it shortly."—Democratic Telegram.

—"You didn't seem to enjoy your dinner," "No," answered Mr. Cumrox, "I confess I was wondering about how much I ought to give the waiter. You see, if you give a waiter too little he snubs you, and if you give him too much he knows you are a stranger in the place and scorns you anyhow."—Washington Star.

—The African chieftain shook his head haughtily. "The deuce," he said, "with your red calico, glass beads and brass wire. You shall not cross my country, Theodore, unless you pay me my own price." "And what may that be?" asked the intreped hunter. "Half a dollar a word for every line you write."—Argonaut.

—The crabbed bachelor and the aged spinster sat suffering in the concert hall. The selections were apparently entirely unfamiliar to the gentleman; but when the "Wedding March" of Mendelssohn was begun, he pricked up his ears. "That sounds familiar," he exclaimed. "I'm not strong on these classical pieces, but that's a good 'un. What is it?" The spinster cast down her eyes. "That," she told him demurely, "is the 'Maiden's Prayer.'"—Argonaut.

THE STANDARD OIL FINE.

Brief of the Defendants in the Application for Certiorari.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 19.—The Standard Oil Company's brief in the proceedings of the United States against that company on the charge of accepting rebates from the Chicago & Alton Railway Company, in which the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois imposed a fine of $28,240,000, was today filed in the Supreme Court of the United States.

The case comes before the court on a petition by the Government for a writ of certiorari bringing it up for review of the decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, by which court the District Court's decision was reversed.

The brief antagonizes the petition and this opposition is based principally on the ground that the law "does not authorize a review by the Supreme Court on any application of the Government of a judgment of the Circuit Court of Appeals in a criminal case by which a writ of error of the defendant is sustained and disposed of by reversing the judgment and sentence of the trial court." It is contended that in a case of this character a writ of certiorari is equivalent to a writ of error and that "the policy of the law is against the review of a judgment in favor of the accused in a criminal case at the instance of the Government."

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Chief Mortally Wounded Kills His Assailant and Falls Dead.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 19.—In a pistol duel on the main street of Wytheville, Va., this evening, Chief of Police Walter McClintock and E. A. Cregger, was killed. McClintock shot Creggar to death after he himself had been mortally wounded, and the two bodies fell near each other in the thoroughfare.

Chief McClintock and Deputy Harry White had a warrant for the arrest of E. A. Cregger and his brother, Dave Cregger, sworn out by a brother of the chief, charging them with robbery. When the officers met the Creggers in front of the court house, and told them they had a warrant for their arrest E. C. Cregger drew his revolver and began firing on McClintock. The officer returned the fire and as the shooting became general, it was witnessed by large numbers of men and women on the sidewalks.

It is said Deputy White did not fire his revolver, but Dave Cregger is charged with having taking part in the shooting. McClintock's body has five, and possibly seven wounds. E. A. Cregger's body has one wound.

While succeeding in arresting Dave Cregger and landing him in jail. E. A. Cregger up to a short time ago conducted a livery business. McClintock had been chief of police three months. Both dead men leave families.

WARM WIRELETS.

Mrs. Harriet Armstrong died at her home in Roanoke Saturday aged 101 years. She had lived all her life at the spot where she died. Up to a few days ago she was quite active.

Senators Knox, Lodge and Bacon were Saturday named by the Senate to represent that body on the joint congressional committee on the inaugural ceremonies.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt were the guests of honor at a dinner given Saturday by Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks, at the Fairbanks home in Washington, D. C.

Lester C. Ullich, of St. Louis, for some years connected with the Southern Railway, latterly as chief clerk to Vice President and General Manager Ackert, has been appointed assistant to the general manager, with offices in Washington, D. C.

At the close of the first day of the strike of the National Window Glass Workers, inaugurated to enforce the adoption of the new wage scale with a 25 per cent. increase, President Faulkner announced that six plants signed the agreement.

Mrs. Melvina Saunders, aged 74, of Mount Airy, N. C., was stricken with heart failure while riding in a hack in Roanoke, Va., Saturday to take a train for West Virginia, and expired in a few minutes. She arrived here yesterday.

The United States gunboat Hist which cleared from Philadelphia on Thursday for Charleston, S. C., and which grounded in the Delaware river fifty miles south of that city, floated during Friday night. The gunboat was not damaged and proceeded.

Major Samuel J. C. Moore, formerly Judge of the Clarke county court died at his home at Berryville, Va., Saturday, aged 84 years. Mother Moore served with distinction in the Confederate army as an officer on General Stonewall Jackson's staff. He was with Jackson at Manassas.

Would Mortgage the Farm.

A farmer on Rural Route 2, Empire, Ga., W. A. Floyd by name, says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured the two worst sores I ever saw: one on my hand and one on my leg. It is worth more than its weight in gold. I would not be without it if I had to mortgage the farm to get it." Only 25c. at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

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THE MAN WITH THE EYES.

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One day as a Scotland Yard detective was lounging in the corridor of a Liverpool hotel he noticed the individual who afterward became known in police records as the man with the eyes. He was a medium sized man, slim in build and had the look of a college professor. There was nothing to distinguish him from other gentlemen except his eyes. They were large and black in color, and as he accidentally brushed against the detective and stopped to apologize and looked him in the face for a moment the officer felt a peculiar thrill. He felt that the stranger had seen clear through him, so to say. He had sufficient curiosity to ascertain that the gentleman had registered as coming from York and that his name was Burton.

Three days later a curious case was recorded at the Yard. Richard White, a hard headed country squire, told a story that the officers were inclined to believe was a pipe dream. Had it been an ordinary man they would have smiled in his face. He set out from London for Liverpool and occupied a compartment with one other person. This person bore the description of the man with the eyes. The squire busied himself looking over some letters for half an hour after boarding the train and then looked up to find the other staring at him. He said that he felt an "influence" at once. The feeling was that he had lost his identity and was some one else.

"Your name is Sudley," said the man after a moment.

"Yes; it is Sudley."

"You are not feeling well today."

"No, I'm not."

"You are going to sleep, and you will wake up feeling better, but first give me your watch and money."

The squire stood up and handed over everything. He knew what he was doing, but it seemed to him to be the thing to do.

"Now lie on the seat; go to sleep."

The squire stretched out, and the next thing he knew a guard was trying to arouse him, and it was an hour later. The man with the eyes was no longer in the compartment. That was the story, and it puzzled the officers. They had to take it in earnest, coming from such a source, and yet they had to smile at the idea. It may be that nothing would have been done in the case but for another story from another person. In London the wife of a baker acted as cashier. During an interval, when only two people were in the store, a stranger entered and asked for change for a sovereign. As it was handed out the woman met his eyes. In a single second she seemed to lose herself. It was as if she was under the influence of an anaesthetic, and yet in a way she was conscious of her surroundings.

"You owe me £25," she heard the man say.

"Yes."

"You said you would pay it today."

"Yes; I said so."

"Then I will take the money."

She had about £30 in the drawer, and she counted out the sum named and passed it over. By counting up afterward she found that she had given him the exact amount. He took the money and looked into her eyes and said:

"You are tired. You may sleep for ten minutes."

At that she lost all consciousness and did not open her eyes again until her husband shook her arm fifteen minutes later. Then she awoke, with a scream. The husband wouldn't believe her story, although a customer corroborated a part of it. He contended, and so did the police after him, that the woman had fallen asleep and a sneak thief had robbed the till. It was pointed out that a thief would have taken all, but this made no difference. An inspector was put on the case and did some work, but he got no further clew to the man with the eyes.

A man was instructed to watch the trains and junctions on the road where the first robbery occurred, and he put in two months without meeting with his man or without hearing of another case of "eyes." Then he followed a man from a junction to a hotel, and, being almost positive of his quarry, he called on the man in his room. He found him unstrapping his valise and made some inquiry to excuse his intrusion.

"Come right in," replied the man, "and I will attend to you in a moment. Fine day, isn't it? But I think we shall have rain by tomorrow. Ah, but I've broken the tongue of that buckle? Now, then"—

And he rose up, turned around and looked the officer full in the eyes. The latter tried to reach out and grab his man and break the "influence," but it was in vain. He tried to turn his head away, but he could not.

"You need sleep," said the man with the eyes.

"Yes."

"Undress and go to bed. Don't linger over it."

The officer removed his clothes and got into bed.

"Now shut your eyes and sleep for two hours."

The eyes closed, and it was two hours later when they opened again. The man with the eyes was gone. He had taken with him the officer's badge and a small sum of money and had cut the victim's clothes into shreds. That was his last crime in England. He was looked for for the next year, but in vain. The theory at the Yard was that he was some student of hypnotism making experiments and at the same time raising the necessary capital to fix himself financially in another country.

M. QUAD.

A Tongue Twister.

A member of the Players' club whose simple delight in life is collecting old blue china returned the other day from England and as usual after such a trip had some new blue treasure got on one of his customary off the beaten path tramps. He showed it freely, talked about it eloquently, but always when asked where he found it evaded answering. Finally one who had noted several such evasions said to him: "You've reached the very worst stage of the collector's mania. You refuse to tell the place of your treasure house for fear of rival looters."

"You are wrong as to my motive, but right as to the fact that I won't tell. I can't, but I'll write the name for you."

Laboriously he wrote on a card this fearsome thing: "Mynyddyslwyn."

As his questioner stared with startled eyes at the nerve shattering word the collector explained that it was the true and lawful name of a parish in Monmouthshire, near Pontypool, England. —New York Sun.

The Funeral Sponge.

"If you attend a Persian funeral they hand you at the door a small, fine sponge." The speaker, a popular undertaker, smiled.

"It is amusing to think of," he said. "Imagine it—by means of these sponges all the mourners' tears are collected and preserved in tiny vases of crystal. They are used afterward as medicine, for they are thought to have wonderful healing power. During the service each mourner keeps his sponge ready, and every tear that wells into his eye is sopped up before it has a chance to escape. The undertaker tiptoes politely about, he extends tentatively the crystal vase, and those who have anything to add to its contents squeeze their sponges solemnly therein. Then, with a bow of acknowledgment, the undertaker tiptoes on his way, extending the vase politely, now to the right, now to the left, murmuring in his gentle and soothing voice:

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Too Scarce to Throw Away.

"They pipe water now through the burning Australian desert that lies between the coast and the Kilgoorlie gold fields, a distance of about 250 miles, but in my day in that forsaken country water was the scarcest commodity known," said a San Francisco mining engineer.

"It was often hard to get enough water for drinking purposes, and the man who was reckless enough of his money to buy a bucketful for a bath was the talk of the community. I once indulged in this luxury, and after I had finished I noticed that the water was carefully collected again by the vender.

"'What are you going to do with it?' I asked the man. 'Sell it to some other fellow for half price,' he answered, 'and after that I'll sell it several more times, for, you see, it's too scarce, mister, to throw away after only one or two men have washed in it.'"

A Modest Request.

The young man and the girl were standing outside the front door, having a final chat after his evening call. He was leaning against the doorpost, talking in low tones. Presently the young lady looked round to discover her father in the doorway clad in a dressing gown.

"Why, father, what in the world is the matter?" she inquired.

"John," said the father, addressing himself to the young man, "you know I have never complained about your staying late, and I am not going to complain of that now. But for goodness' sake stop leaning against the bell push and let the rest of the family get some sleep."

Sweet Revenge.

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Salesman—No, madam, he has owed me $10 for the past three years.—Puck.

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Absent Treatment.

"What is the matter with Mrs. Spicy? I saw her sitting on her porch as I came by gritting her teeth and looking daggers into vacancy."

"Her husband is a half hour late, and she is giving him absent treatment."—Chicago Journal.

Excelsior.

Uncle—And what will you do when you are a man, Tommy? Tommy—I am going to grow a beard. Uncle—Why? Tommy—Because then I won't have nearly so much face to wash.—Harper's Weekly.

Getting Personal.

"How does a man get a 'game leg,' pa?"

"Well, you see"—

"Is it by getting into a game and having it pulled?"—New York Press.

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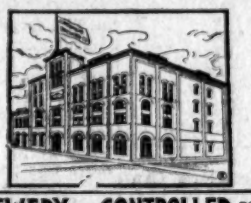

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U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 22, 1908.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Monday, Dec. 21:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 49 degrees; 8 P. M. 55 degrees; maximum 65 degrees; minimum 46 degrees; mean 56 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, 1.46 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville Monday at 8 A. M. 5 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Rain Tuesday and Wednesday, fresh east winds becoming variable.

Port Calendar—Dec. 22.

Sun Rises.....7:08 A. M.
Sun Sets.....4:49 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 44 min.
High water at Southport 6:35 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 8:55 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

E. Warren & Son—Cut Prices.
Crystal Palace—Big, Novel Bill.
Academy of Music—Ku Klux Klan.

Business Locals.

Palace Market—Christmas.
Wanted—Furnished Rooms.
J. O. Brown—Are You Upset.
Sol. Bear & Co.—Schlitz Beer.
E. Warren & Son—Cocoanut.
Miss Fannie Johnson—Florist.
Wanted—By Grocery Salesman.
E. Warren & Son—Florida Oranges.
American National Bank—Youngest.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Hoyler's Candies.
Murchison National Bank—New Money.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. Moore Thompson, of Abbottsburg, spent yesterday in the city on a business trip.

—Mr. A. S. Richardson, of Whiteville, was among yesterday's arrivals in the city.

—Hon. John D. Bellamy spent yesterday in Fayetteville on legal business.

—Captain W. E. Kyle, of the Atlantic Coast Line in Fayetteville, was among yesterday's arrivals in the city.

—Mr. R. E. Williams, of Belfast, Ga., is spending a few days in the city on a visit to friends and relatives.

—Robert Ruark, Esq., of the Wilmington bar, went to Asheville yesterday on a professional visit of a few days.

—The many friends of Mr. Archie Hanby, of New York, are pleased to see him in the city for the Christmas holidays.

—Officer Jesse Brown, of the Police Department, was confined to his home by sickness yesterday and unable to be on duty.

—Mr. Benjamin F. White is here from Atlanta to spend the holidays and is being pleasantly greeted by many friends.

—Miss Blanche Fentress left yesterday for Baltimore where she will be the guest of her sisters, Mrs. White and Mrs. Taylor, during the holidays.

—Among yesterday's arrivals were Boyd R. Gasque, Mullins, S. C.; L. E. Watson and D. T. McKeithan, Darlington, S. C., and H. A. Bethea, Latta, S. C.

—S. Brown Shepherd, Esq., of Raleigh, arrived Sunday evening and spent a short time in the city en route elsewhere in the State on legal business.

—Mr. John LeGwin, who is a student in the medical department of the University of North Carolina, is at home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. LeGwin.

—Mrs. W. G. Butler, nee Miss Isabel Black, and two children, of Richmond, Va., arrived in the city last night to spend some time with Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Matthews.

—Mr. Vance Norwood, a former Wilmingtonian whom it is always pleasant to meet and who is now editor and proprietor of the Statesville Mascott, spent Sunday and yesterday in the city.

—Mr. Isadore Bear returned Sunday from a business trip North. He spent some time in New York and in Richmond, Va., having attended the North Carolina Society banquet in Gotham two weeks ago when Judge Taft and other prominent men spoke.

—Mr. Sam P. Collier, clerk of the United States District and Circuit Courts at Wilmington, returned yesterday morning from Raleigh where he attended the funeral of the late Judge Thos. R. Purnell, his personal friend and superior court officer. Mr. Collier was one of the honorary escort of the remains at the services.

—The judgment entered at the last term of Superior Court in the case of the estate of the late Sol. Bear against William Tiencken, involving the lease of the premises now occupied by the defendant, was for non suit and the case now goes off the docket, the controversy between the parties to the suit having been settled.

Howard Relief Company Ball.

The annual ball of the Howard Relief Company will be given this New Year on January 5th. Hollowbush's Orchestra will furnish the music and Mrs. Eilers will serve supper. The committee is composed of E. Schulken, Chas. Schnibben, Carl Fick, Henry Gieschen and John Kuhlken. The affair is being looked forward to with much interest by club members and their friends.

A Healthy Family.

"Our whole family has enjoyed good health since we began using Dr. King's New Life Pills, three years ago," says L. A. Bartlet, of Rural Route 1, Guilford, Maine. They cleanse and tone the system in a gentle way that does you good. 25c. at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

LOCAL DOTS.

—One of the most needed public improvements in Wilmington in a long time and one which will be thoroughly appreciated by the public is the laying of a new granolithic sidewalk on the north side of the Orrell Livery Company's stables and in front of "magistrates' square" on Princess street. The work is being done by Mr. E. D. Conway.

—Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: A. W. Pate and wife and C. C. Chadbourn, trustee, to J. T. Hardison, for $60, lot No. 39, according to plan of Sea Gate property, on Bradley's Creek road, and W. M. Cumming and wife transferred to W. J. Hutaff and wife, for $600, property on west side of Anderson, 99 feet north of Fanning street, 66x83 feet in size.

DR. N. A. CULBRETH MARRIED.

Popular Young Dentist Claims Bride From New York City.

As quite a pleasant surprise to many friends of the groom in this city will come the announcement of the marriage of Dr. Neill Alexander Culbreth, a leading young dentist of this city, and Miss Francis Aluyes Woods, of New York city. The marriage was solemnized at half after seven o'clock yesterday evening at the parsonage of Grace M. E. Church, Rev. T. A. Smoot, the pastor, officiating, in the presence of a few friends,, Mr. Theodore Schutt being the groom's best man. Mr. and Mrs. Culbreth will make their home at The Southern.

The marriage is the culmination of a pretty little romance that began last Summer while Dr. Culbreth was taking special studies in New York, the home of the bride. An acquaintance then developed into something more serious and recently the marriage was decided upon. Dr. Culbreth on account of professional engagements, could not leave Wilmington just at present, so it was arranged for the bride to come here and the marriage last evening followed. Dr. Culbreth is a son of Dr. and Mrs. N. M. Culbreth, now of Raleigh, and is highly esteemed here.

RAN OVER NEGRO BOY

Robert Everett Was Sent to Roads. Boy Was Injured.

Robert Everett, colored, was arrested yesterday by Constable Savage and given 30 days on the roads by Justice Furlong, for running his cart over a small negro boy, James Jones, the affair occurring on Fifth street, near Princess. The James boy was lying on the plaza, when the cart backed up and passed over his legts before he had a chance to move away, causing rather painful bruises, but nothing serious and he was able to be at the trial.

Everett was questioned by the magistrate as to his sobriety, the inquiry being prompted by the fact that he was bringing a load from the distillery, but he absolutely denied that he was drunk replying that, he had drunk only "four dippers full of corn whiskey."

FOR SWEET CHARITY.

An Appeal That is Timely Just Now When All Hearts Are Glad.

The Star is very glad to give space to the following from Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., president of the Associated Charities:

"In acknowledging a contribution from Mr. J. M. Solky for the Associated Charities, received on Saturday, I am glad to hear that some other friends expect to contribute. I would ask that all disposed to do so, would send in their contributions to the secretary, Miss Carrie Price, as early as possible, because of the extra expenses at this time of the year, and the fact that our treasury is almost empty. Gratefully yours,

"A. D. McCLURE,
"President."

FIRE IN LUMBERTON.

Residence of Mr. W. H. Shooter Completely Destroyed Last Night.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 21.—At 8:30 o'clock tonight the residence of Mr. W. H. Shooter was found to be on fire and before the flames could be checked the building and contents were destroyed. By hard work the firemen saved another residence, only a few feet away. Mr. Shooter's family was away from home and the origin of the fire is unknown. The property was insured.

For Reckless Conduct.

On several charges Capt. Jerrie Hewlett and his nephew, W. C. Hewlett, white men, who live on Greenville Sound, were arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriffs Branch and Piver, near Fourth and Brunswick streets, and placed under bond for trial in Justice Bornemann's court today. The young man is held for personal injury to property from the fact that it is alleged he ran into the buggy of A. Dlugin and smashed a wheel and for disorderly conduct, while the older man will answer on the charge of assaulting a negro boy. Security was furnished for their appearance today.

Presentation of the "Mikado."

Arrangements for the presentation of the "Mikado' for the benefit of the Associated Charities are progressing satisfactorily. Actors, said to be well known in New York, will essay the roles of the cast and a well-trained chorus will swell the voume of the pleasing melodies. Handsome costumes and elaborate stage effects are promised. The first week in January will probably include the date for the production, this to be announced definitely later.

Items in Marine Circles.

The revenue cutter Seminole arrived in port Sunday after a cruise of a few days up the coast and cleared again yesterday for Cape Lookout, where she will complete the blowing up of an obstruction. Third Lieutenant Whittier joined the staff of the cutter yesterday. The German steamer Erlphia, Capt. Bellmann, arrived in port yesterday from Newport News, Va., and is receiving a cargo of crossties at Point Peter.

The Theatre

The Demorest Comedy Company opened a week's engagement at the Academy of Music last night, presenting "The Miner's Daughter," which seems to have been well received. Between acts clever specialties were introduced, the top-liners having been the Demorests in a musical act and Miss May Blossom Williams, the soubrette, in song and dance sketch. To night the company will present the "Ku Klux Klan" with special scenery and effects and a new line of specialties will be given. Seats are now on sale at Plummer's.

The Crystal Palace.

The new bill at the Crystal Palace was well received yesterday afternoon and evening. The bill included Malin & Malin in a sketch called "The Bohemian Gypsies," Miss Claudine Muller, in illustrated songs; Peter Muller in Hebrew comedy, and the Maxwell Sisters in songs and dances. One of the favorites this week will be Mr. Henry W. Angel, Wilmington's clever blackface comedian, who will be most cordially received. He is now booking out on a Southern vaudeville circuit and will appear next week at Florence, S. C. Christmas eve three turkeys will be given away by the management of the Crystal.

Presented Handsome Chair.

As a feeble recognition of his deep consecration and their appreciation of his faithful and valuable service as their teacher, members of the Bible Study Club of the Y. M. C. A., at their last meeting until after the holidays, last evening presented to Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., a very handsome easy chair for his study at the new manse which he as pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and his good family, recently occupied. The gift was presented in a neat address by a member of the class and, although taken by surprise, Dr. McClure made fitting response thanking the young men for the noble expression of their feeling toward him.

Campbell Encampment, I. O. O. F.

Campbell Encampment No. 1, I. O. O. F. last night elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Chief Patriarch O. J. Vann, High Priest W. H. Yopp, Senior Warden Robert Robbins, Junionr Warden E. S. Cook, Scribe John E. Wood, Treasurer P. H. Murphy, Trustees John E. Wood, W. L. Smith, W. H. Yopp. These will be installed by Charles W. Stewart, D. D. C. P. the first meeting night in January when refreshments will be served and a social session will be enjoyed.

Dr. Nash Heard With Interest.

Dr. L. L. Nash, of the North Carolina Conference, who is spending a few days in the city with relatives before going to his work at Gibson, N. C., for the new year, was heard in two especially strong sermons at Trinity M. E. Church Sunday morning and at Grace in the evening. Dr. Nash was heard with much interest by many Wilmington friends, who are sensible of his deep consecration and unusual power as a pulpit speaker, splendidly sustained in his two discourses of Sunday.

Elopement at Fayetteville.

The Fayetteville Observer of yesterday afternoon contains an account of the elopement of Miss Lula Black, daughter of Mr. John Black, a contractor there, with a man named Thos. Pate, said to have come from Lumberton. Mr. Black went to Parkton and located his daughter there but says that Pate was drunk and drew a gun on him, denying him admission after which he returned to Fayetteville.

Do Business in Virginia.

Messrs. Sol Bear & Co., of this city, agents for the Schlitz Brewing Co., have incorporated under the laws of Virginia with an authorized capital of $25,000 and $2,500 paid in and will after January 1st handle the product that "made Milwaukee famous" from that point, continuing their manufacture of native wines and cordials in this city. Mr. J. H. Kaufman, of Richmond, will be in charge of the Virginia branch.

Opens Another College.

It is announced that the Southern Commercial School and Audit Company, which has colleges in several cities of the State, including Wilmington, of which Professor Charles L. Padgitt, is president, has recently purchased the Gate City Business College, of Greensboro, which will be placed on an equal with other splendid institutions of this company in the State.

Junior Teams Played Last Evening.

Two basket ball contests at the Y. M. C. A. last evening between teams of the Junior League, were attended by quite a number of spectators. The A. C. L. team was defeated by the Stars by a score of 4 to 11, while the Hustlers played the Black Stockings to a standstill, 7 to 7.

Pretty Christmas Coins.

The People's Savings Bank received by yesterday's express direct from the United States Mint, a large shipment of the new issues of two and a half and five dollar gold pieces for the use of its friends and customers at Christmas time. These little coins are a work of art, and are the ones that have caused so much comment of late. It is an established custom of The People's to have on hand at this season a supply of gold and new currency, and in keeping with their progressive and wide awake spirit this bank is prepared to furnish these new coins and crisp currency to any of its patrons wishing to use money as Christmas gifts. It has ever been the desire of this bank to care for the best interests of its friends and customers and to provide them with service not only satisfactory but pleasing. **

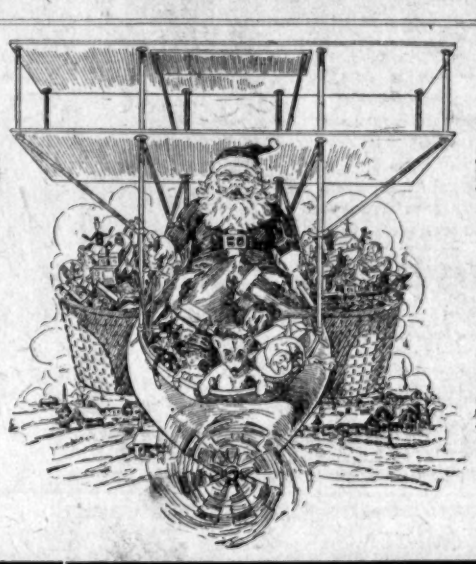
Crawford Shoes
Kirschbaum Clothing.
Howard Hats.

J. H. Rehder & Co.
THE POPULAR DEPARTMENT STORE
"The Firm That Pays Your Car Fare."

Mexican Drawn Work
Zephy Knit Shawls
Hood, Mitts and Booties.

Fire Works and Toys

This is the store for everything.
Many new ideas in fancy goods received for this week's sale.



Bed room Slippers in great variety.
New Neckwear, large assortment.
Umbrellas, all prices.
Gloves, Kid and Silk, long and short.
Hosiery, all descriptions.

TOYS! TOYS!
in vast numbers, large and small.
Carriages, Go-Carts, Automobiles.
Wagons and Horns

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RUSH AT THE POSTOFFICE

Changes to Accommodate the Holiday Traffic, Which is Growing.

Last week the volume of Christmas mail locally was not extraordinary and people were beginning to wonder if the dull times were being reflected in this condition of affairs. Yesterday, however, the postoffice redeemed itself by the influx of business and Postmaster Wallace, responding promptly to the emergency at once put on two extra carriers and inaugurated several changes that he hopes will inure to the benefit of the service during the rush period. The money order department has been moved over to the postmaster's office on the Chesnut street end of the building in order to give the registry department more room and a table has been placed in the hall for the use of the public during the rush. The public is asked to be considerate and exercise the ordinary rules of intelligence that will suggest themselves in a common-sense co-operation with the postoffice people in their work.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE POOR

Salvation Army Will Provide For Them—Toys For Children.

The Salvation Army, will be the agency to bring much cheerfulness to the homes of the less fortunate this Christmas in Wilmington. Provisions will be distributed to the worthy poor of the city for Christmas dinner and a characteristic and pleasant act of the Salvation Army workers on Christmas night will be the distribution of toys and confections from two trees to some 300 children, while 125 pair of stockings will be given away. The charitably inclined of the city, should send donations at once to the Army's Hall.

Will Wed This Evening.

The marriage of Miss Maggie Fyfe Brown, daughter of Captain and Mrs. A. D. Brown, and Mr. Horace Prince Reeves, formerly of Dayton, Ala., but now connected with the general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line in this city, will be an event of pleasurable interest to their numerous friends this evening. It is learned that the couple will spend their honeymoon in the North, returning to Wilmington soon after the holidays and making this city their future home.

Leaves on Pleasant Mission.

Mr. J. C. Womack, a clever young Wilmingtonian, foreman of construction for the Tidewater Power Co., leaves this morning for Clemmons, near Winston-Salem, N. C., where on December 29th, he will wed Miss Hattie I. Nelson, an attractive young woman of that place. Mr. Womack and bride will return to the city on January 3rd and will receive a most cordial welcome by many friends in Wilmington.

Ku Klux Klan Academy tonight. Seats selling at Plummer's. **

That little Cold today may be Pneumonia to-morrow.
A Bottle of Precaution is cheaper than an undertaker's bill.
The man who locks the stable before the horse is stolen applies the same logic as the man who buys Gowan's Preparation before he dies of Pneumonia.

All druggists handle the great external remedy. Three sizes 25c, 50c, $1.00. Buy it to-day

USEFUL HOLIDAY PRESENTS

THE MEMORY OF WHICH WILL LINGER LONG AFTER.

Pocket and Table Knives that cut.

Silver Plated Knives, Spoons and Forks.

Jos. Rogers & Sons Carvers and Table Knives.
"The World's Standard Cutlery."

Nickeled, Aluminum and Agate Percolators, $1.75 to $10.00

Manicure Sets in Leather Cases $2.00 to $5.00.

Scissor Sets in Cases, $1.50 to $5.00.

Boys' Axes.

Gun Coats.

Leggings.

Gillette Razor Sets.

One Dollar Safety Razors.

Fine Mechanical Tools

Fine Tool Kits in Morocco Leather Cases, $5.00

Boker Razors in Pairs.

Morocco Leather Cases $3 to $6.

Boys' Rifles—$1.50, $2.00 and $3.00.

Guns—$4.00, $5.00, $6.00, $8.25, $10.00, to $50.00. All standard makes.

Iver Johnson, Smith & Wesson, and Colts. All prices, $2.50 and up.

Pay Us a Call When You Are Shopping.

N. JACOBI HARDWARE CO.

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OUR HOLIDAY OPENING

We will be open every night from now through the Christmas holidays. We have an excellent line of fur top and boudoir slippers and gaiters in all colors, suitable for Christmas gifts. A hearty welcome to all.

BOYLAN & HANCOCK

Phone No. 1445. No. 7 North Front St.

OLD MINISTRY REPLACED

Venezuela is a Changed Nation—Vice President Gomez Has Established New Government Since Departure of Castro.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 21.—Vice President J. Vincente Gomez to whom General Cipriano Castro handed over the Presidency on his departure for Europe has established a new government in Venezuela. He has replaced the old ministry, the leader of which was Dr. Jose de Jesus Paul, the minister of foreign affairs, who has been the one figure outside of Castro himself in the negotiations that culminated in the ousting of Minister de Reus and the severance of diplomatic relations with Holland, with a new body of men, who represent various factions in the State and who have figured prominently in various ways in the political history of the country.

Not only has Dr. Paul disappeared from the counsels of the Nation, but Dr. Baldo, who is now traveling in Castro's suite, abroad, also has been removed from his official position as minister of education. General Diega Ferren, the minister of war, who also was war minister in the Cabinet of acting President Gomez in 1906 has been superceded by General Regula Olivares, who took a prominent part in crushing the revolutionists six years ago.

Secret advices received here from Caracas, where the strictest censorship is being observed, indicate that the whole of Venezuela has been in a ferment ever since President Castro sailed, and that the crisis was reached a few days ago when it became necessary for Acting President Gomez to take decisive steps, which he did by eliminating from his cabinet those who were closely affiliated with the Castra rule and under the Castro domination.

The establishment of a new government in Venezuela has been expected from day to day, and it is probable that it was the outcome of the anti-Castro, anti-Gomez demonstrations which began at Caracas and other places in Venezuela almost the very day that President Castro sailed for Europe.

Before leaving, Castro in proclaiming Vice President Gomez his temporary successor, said to the nation: "Surround him and lend your co-operation in the fulfillment of his mission as if it were I myself, and you will have done your duties."

A BLIND TIGER CASE

William Suder, Negro in Brooklyn, Had Narrow Escape on Sunday.

Sunday night about 8 o'clock Officers R. L. Rouse and H. P. Merritt, in plain clothes, arrested William Suder, a negro drayman for Pearsall & Co., charged with retailing liquor at his home on Eighth, between Swann and Nixon streets, to a negro, James Payne, to whom it is alleged he sold two half pints Sunday afternoon. The officers made a search of Suder's house and found six jugs, three of which were filled with cider, and an empty keg, but he satisfactorily explained his possession of that yesterday at court by proving that he purchased it from Messrs. Pearsall & Co., on account of the fact the keg was leaking and he purchased it at a discount in the quantity. Suder was represented at the trial yesterday by George L. Peschau and attacked the corroborating witness who swore that he stood on Sixth and Nixon streets and saw Payne go into the house on Eighth street and bring out the liquor, this being clearly a physical impossibility, the Mayor discharging the defendant.

The only other case of interest yesterday was that of Richard Reaves, the colored youth charged with attempting to trip a lady on Ann street Saturday night in order that he might steal the pocket book and packages which she carried. The case was continued until today when a witness will be introduced to show that Reaves has been guilty of similar conduct before.

THE CRUISER YANKEE.

The Court of Inquiry Begins Its Investigation.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—Strict naval procedure marked the opening of the Charlestown Navy Yard today of the government investigation into the grounding of the cruiser Yankee on Spindle Rock at the entrance of Buzzard's Bay, Sept. 23rd last. Within a few minutes after the court of inquiry convened, with Captain Herbert Winslow as president, the officers and crew of the Yankee were lined up outside the building. There the orders and the report of Commander Marsh were read to the officers and men and anyone who had a complaint was asked to step forward and make it. Not a man stirred.

The court then went into session and heard the testimony of Commander Marsh and several of his officers. The commander told of the incident leading up to the accident, which he attributed to an effort to avoid collision with the passenger steamer New Hampshire. The other officers corroborated the testimony of Commander Marsh.

The inquiry, it is expected, will be concluded tomorrow.

Had a Close Call.

Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom Hotel, Vaughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough, and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles affected a complete cure." The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. 50c and $1.00 Trial bottle free.

TOLD STARTLING STORY

Frank Fehringer, Confessed Night Rider, Gave Detailed Account of Depredations of Band Woman a Witness.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 21.—The State practically completed its case today against the eight night riders on trial for the murder of Captain Rankin, when it drew from Frank Fehringer, a member of the band, who turned State's evidence, a detailed statement of the Rankin affair and a score or more of other outrages. It also called to the stand Mrs. Emma Thurman Johnson, one of the two women said to have been whipped by the band and had her tell her story.

The startling testimony of Frank Fehringer, who confessed accusing the men on trial of being actual participants in the murder of Captain Rankin, given with an exactness of detail, amazed the people, who thronged the court room. Then as Mrs. Johnson's name was called, a murmur of satisfaction arose. She walked rapidly to the stand and removed her veil relustantly, on the Judge's instructions, that she might be heard by the jury.

Judge Jones sent out the jury before court adjourned and said: "There are eight defendants here charged with a capital offense. They are not handcuffed and are under guard of only two deputies. I do not think this is safe. Therefore I order the sheriff to handcuff these men and ask the military to detail ten armed men to serve as guards."

The defense strongly objected, but the court refused to withdraw the order.

Surrounded by a detail of six fully armed soldiers Fehringer was brought into court. At the court room door two of the soldiers armed with rifles halted. Four other soldiers armed with only revolvers took Fehringer in charge. Four armed deputy sheriffs cleared a way through the crowd in the aisles and Fehringer was led to the stand.

Fehringer said he was one of the first members of the band. He knew all the defendants and had accompanied them on many rides prior to the killing of Captain Rankin. The night riders' garb consisted of long black coats, black masks trimmed in white and some had false beards attached to the bottom. On one occasion Deputy Sheriff Mays, since resigned, and who was one of the riders, came to a meeting unmasked. At this meeting Garrett Johnson was chosen chief and other captains were named for different localities and authorized to order raids whenever the riders of a certain locality thought something needed regulating.

The night rider oath in full was: "You do solemnly swear in the presence of Almighty God and these witnesses, that you desire to become a Night Rider; that you will not write, talk or tell to anyone of the secrets of this order of Night Riders; that, if you do talk, write or tell to any person any of the secrets of the order, we are permitted to do with you as we see fit. You know death, hell and destruction will be your portion and that your body will not be buried in a grave yard. Do you willingly and freely submit to all this, so help you God?"

FOSTER A. SUICIDE

Former Member of New York Giants Club Ends Life With Gun.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Richmond, Va., Dec. 19.—Utterly despondent, downcast over the tricks fortune has played upon him in recent years and devoid of any abuses he had committed with himself, Oscar E. Foster, better known as "Reddy," one time baseball star and member of the New York Giants this afternoon placed a double barreled shot gun in his mouth and pulled the trigger with his foot. Death was instantaneous.

The tragedy came at the end of a two days' drinking bout. With his friend, Lee Poklington he went to the banks of James River, took a last drink from a bottle and committed the act before his friend knew what he was doing.

Foster was forty-one years of age and married. He was a star in the Virginia league years ago and was drafter by New York. He played for one season but his ungovernable temper caused him trouble with umpires and players and he was sent back to the minor leagues.

LUMSDEN A HOMICIDE

His Victim Suydam Dies in Hospital. He is Held For Trial.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 21.—Harry B. Suydam, the curb broker who was shot in his Broad Street office last Saturday by John C. Lumsden an inventor, died in the Hudson street hospital today. Lumsden is under arrest. The shooting is said to have been an outgrowth of a dispute over payment for stock in a company which was organized to handle one of Lumsden's inventions.

Lumsden was remanded to prison by Coroner Harburger today without bail to await the inquest on December 29th.

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 21.—Mrs. J. C. Lumsden, life of the man who shot S. B. Suydam, the New York broker, in New York Saturday, was informed by an Associated Press correspondent today of the death of Suydam. She denied the statement accredited to her that Suydam deserved to be shot.

A report received at Norfolk, Va., last night was to the effect that the battleship Maine which sailed from Hampton Roads yesterday has been ordered to Venezuela, to look after the interests of the government and the protect American citizens if necessary.

Ku Klux Klan Academy tonight, 10, 20 and 30 cents. **

RELIEVED BY THE PRESIDENT

Major Morrow Suspended as District of Columbia Engineer Commissioner

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 21.—By order of President Roosevelt, Major Jay J. Morrow, the engineer commissioner of the District of Columbia, was today relieved of that office and transferred to succeed Major Spencer Cosby, in charge of the Washington aqueduct who was immediately assigned to duty as engineer commissioner.

There have been controversies between the engineer commissioner's office and various local interests regarding construction of public school buildings and other matters and his defense of the inspector of buildings upon whom repeated attacks have been made led to serve criticisms from some quarters.

A letter which Major Morrow is reported to have written making what the authorities deemed indiscreet criticisms figures as an immediate reason for the action.

BURNING GINNERIES.

These Kind of Fires Becoming Frequent in South Carolina.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Laurens, S. C., Dec. 21.—Destructive fires are becoming frequent in Laurens county, especially among the ginneries, three having been destroyed within the last few days. Early Saturday morning the ginnery at Waterloo, together with two stores were burned. Saturday night another at Rabunla, a few days ago one at Cross Hill and several days ago two stores at Graycourt were destroyed by fire, all at night. The aggregate losses are heavy. The is nothing but speculation as to the origin of these fires.

THE WETS WIN.

A Majority of Thirty-six For Them in Abingdon, Va.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

oanoke, Va., Dec. 21.—The dispensary election held at Abingdon, Va., today resulted in a majority of 36 in favor of the "wets," 239 votes being cast. The interest was intense and throughout the day hundreds of women and children carried floats and banners and sang temperance songs around the polls.

WARM WIRELETS.

A Lynchburg syndicate has purchased 23 acres on deep water near Norfolk, and will establish a pipe foundry mill there.

The Samuels murder case at Danville, Va., will go to the jury today after concluding argument by counsel. Samuels killed Sheriff Flanagan of Leaksville, N. C.

E. E. Rittenhouse, insurance commissioner of Colorado, has been elected president of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society, of New York, succeeding Arthur G. Landham, of Louisville, Ky.

Count John Heinrich von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States, with the Countess and their daughter, arrived yesterday by the liner Amerika. This is the Ambassador's first visit to America, while Countess von Bernstorff, although born in New York, had not been here for 25 years.

Benjamin Barnett was yesterday committed by the coroner of Philadelphia, charged with causing the death of James Curren, aged 18 years, during a boxing bout at the Broadway Athletic Club Friday last. The boys, who were novices, appeared at an amatuer matinee. Curren collapsed in the second found after a blow on the jaw and died before he could be taken to the hospital.

Without waiting for troops ordered by the Governor from Athens, Sheriff Davis, of Comer, Ga., last night slipped Jakes Moody, a negro, from the jail there and is on the way through the woods with him to Athens to same him from mob which threatened lynching for an attempt of criminal assault yesterday afternoon upon Mrs. Branch Dodd, of Paoli, a small station near Athens.

Seven members of the Councils of Pittsburg, Pa., were arrested last night at the instance of the Voters Lague, a civil reform organization, charged with conspiracy, corrupt practices and bribery in connection with municipal legislation. Resulting from the arrests last night, it is said that a number of persons occupying official positions in Pittsburg banks will shortly be arrested.

At Newton, Ga., yesterday two alleged night riders who beat an inoffensive negro, his wife and daughter, were acquitted. Judge Spence before whom the case was tried told the jury their verdict was a disgrace to the country and civilization; that he did not hesitate to say that the jurors were worse citizens than a man previously convicted of shooting at a preacher on the streets on a Sunday morning.

Where Bullets Flew.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done is worth more than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

Are Your Kidneys Well?

Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Rheumatism, Gout, Gravel, Dropsy, Inflammation of the Bladder, Bad Blood and Nervous Troubles caused by Sick Kidneys.

J. Frank Jarman, the well known Druggist of 107 Princess street, Wilmington, N. C., knows by experience that HINDIPO will cure all forms of Kidney and Nervous Troubles, and will guarantee it in all cases.

Can't you afford to try it at their risk? It costs you nothing if it don't do the work.

Sent by mail to any address, prepaid, on receipt of 50 cents. Six boxes, $2.50. Under a positive guarantee.

Too Slow to Be a Soldier.

In a room on the top floor of a large factory a boy was amusing himself by going through the bayonet exercise with a long handled brush in lieu of a rifle. His boss, coming quickly upon him, gave him a box on the ear for wasting his time. The sudden blow caused the lad to lose his balance and fall down the hoist shaft, but fortunately he kept his hold on the brush, the handle of which, getting across the shaft, broke his fall and enabled him to grasp the chain, down which he slid in safety. The boss was horrified at the effect of his action and rushed breathless and gasping with fear down the eight flights of stairs to the basement, expecting to find a mangled body for which he would have to account. He was, however, just in time to see the lad drop on his feet unharmed, so, recovering his self possession and his breath, he exclaimed:

"Want to be a soldier, eh? Well, you're too slow for that. Why, man, I can walk down all those stairs quicker than you can fall down the hoist shaft."—London Answers.

Toward the Pole.

Ice eight feet thick on the ocean and snow falling even in summer—such is the weather experienced in the polar regions. When the air is dry and still it is remarkable how low a temperature can be borne with ease. One explorer tells us that with the thermometer at 9 degrees it was too warm for skating. The summer weather in this region is, moreover, in some respects pleasant and healthful. Within the arctic zone there are wonderfully colored sunrises and sunsets to be seen. They are both brilliant and impressive. But the nights—the nights are monotonous and repelling. A rigid world buried in everlasting snow, silent save for the cracking of the ice or the wail of the wind. Travelers in these regions experience many discomforts. The keen air causes their skin to burn and blister, while their lips swell and crack. Thirst, again, has been much complained of, arising from the action of the low temperature on the warm body.

Only Night Air at Night.

Speaking of Florence Nightingale and her efforts to keep the world healthy, it seems pertinent to make special mention of her mission in behalf of the open window at night. In the early years of her labors much unintelligent opposition to this method of ventilation because of the supposed harmfulness of the night air was expressed, but Miss Nightingale had one stock argument in support of her position, it being the question, "What air shall we breathe at night but night air?" It was unanswerable from her opponents' point of view, even if it did not always convert them, but it did lead a countless number into saner ways of living and along the way to the present methods of treating tuberculosis.—Boston Transcript.

Garantized Oils.

The following advertisement of olive oil is the work of a Rio Janeiro firm:

"Ours olives oils have garantized of fitts quality. Diligently fabricated add filtrated, the consumer will find with them, the good taste and perfect preservation. For to escape to any conterfeit, is necessary to requiere on any botles this contremarc deposed conformably to the law. The corks and the boxes hare all marked with the fire."—Case and Comment.

The Housekeeping Instinct.

A bright little girl who had successfully spelled the word "that" was asked by her teacher what would remain after the "t" had been taken away.

"The cups and saucers," was the prompt reply.

Self Composed.

She—He is a person of perfect ease and possession and is thoroughly at home anywhere. He—Yes, he even has the faculty of making you feel a total stranger in your own house.

Judge Watts yesterday continued the hearing in the application for a receivership made by certain stockholders for the Seminole Securities Company at Columbia, S. C., hearing will be held in Cheraw, December 28th. This action was taken after considerable argument on both sides.

GOOD NEWS.

Many Wilmington Readers Have Heard It and Profited Thereby.

"Good news travels fast," and the thousands of bad back sufferers in Wilmington are glad to learn that prompt relief is within their reach. Many a lame, weak and aching back is bad no more, thanks to Doan's Kidney Pills. Our citizens are telling the good news of their experience with the Old Quaker Remedy. Here is an example worth reading:

Mrs. E. Alexander, 817 Orange St., Wilmington, N. C., says: "My husband and I both used Doan's Kidney Pills and received splendid results. I had a dull, nagging backache most of the time, also pains across my kidneys and an annoyance from the kidney secretions. My husband's trouble was quite similar to this. When we heard Doan's Kidney Pills highly recommended, we procured a supply from Robert R. Bellamy's drug store and using them according to directions, were given the desired relief. Since then we have had no trouble from this source and are glad to recommend Doan's Kidney Pills as the means of our being cured."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name — Doan's — and take no other.

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In every paper you pick up you will see where some good man has just died with this fearful disease pneumonia. Now we will give you one hundred dollars for any case of pneumonia that it fails to cure in your family, if you will use goose grease liniment as directed. It only costs you 25 cents a bottle, get it you have nothing to lose and all to gain, we know there are thousands who will read this and throw it aside and in a few days will be down with the disease. Please just get one bottle and put it away until you need it. If you haven't the money to buy it let us know and we will send you bottle free.

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Rates—25 cents for each insertion of twenty-five words, or less. Additional words, more than twenty-five, one cent per word in advance.

The A. D. T. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for Notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charges for the telegrams, and but a small charge for notes. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone 2. But for Advertisements always call the Star office, 'Phone 51.

WANTED—Two or three furnished rooms or a small furnished house, for light housekeeping. Address "Rooms" care of Star. dec 22 1t*

FRESH GROUND COCOANUT, 15 cents per quart. Let us bake your fruit cake for you. Our best fruit cake 25 cents per pound. E. Warren & Son, phone 376. dec 22 1t

SWEET FLORIDA ORANGES 20 and 25c per dozen, or $2 per hundred. Fancy Florida Satsumas and Mandarine oranges, grape fruit and pineapples. E. Warren & Son, 'phone 376. dec 22 1t

WANTED—By experienced grocery salesman, position in territory adjacent to Wilmington, January 1st. Address "Salesman" care of Morning Star. de 22-1t.

HAVING FAILED to dispose of my business advantageously, I will continue it and will be pleased to receive orders in anything in the florist line. Miss Fannie Johnson, 702 Dock street. 'phone 424. de 22-1t.

LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING—Rooms down town. Electric lights, porcelain bath tub, sewerage and good location. For rent by J. G. Wright & Son, Real Estate Agents. dec 20 3t

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FRESH GROUND COCOANUT—15 cents per quart. Let us make your cakes for you; our best fruit cake only 25 cents per pound. Florida oranges 20 and 25 cents per dozen. E. Warren & Son. dec 19 1t*

$50.00 REWARD—I will pay that amount to any one furnishing sufficient evidence to convict persons who place maliciously on the public highways any obstacles such as glass, nails, etc., to the detriment of horses and automobiles. Frank Herbst, Agent. dec 16 1w

THE CITIZENS' BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION will issue its regular semi-annual series of stock on Saturday, January 2nd, 1909. Subscribers may have shares reserved for them by notifying the undersigned John D. Bellamy, Jr., secretary. dec 20 27 31.

GOOD BARGAIN—Three mules and log wagon all in good order, for sale cheap to close out. Hall & Pearsall, Nutt and Brunswick streets. de 15-1w

PHOTOGRAPHS—Visit the U. C. Ellis Studio for bright, clear, artistic photographs that don't fade. At reasonable prices. dec 3 tf

DELMONICO CAFE—Blue Point oysters on half shell and quail on toast. de 1-1m

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STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

LUMBER AT RETAIL—Grades and prices right. See us before buying. Angola Lumber Co. aug 30 tf

THE OLD RELIABLE, the Wilmington Pressing Club, is still running at the old stand on Second street. Others come and go, but the old Wilmington comes and stays. de 5-tf.

UPHOLSTERING, repairing, varnishing, at 114 1-2 Dock street. 'Phone No. 1465. Carolina Upholstering Company, P. J. Breen, manager. de 6 tf

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St. Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 713. sep 22-tf

FOR SALE—A four-room cottage, in center of city on car line. Has gas, water, electric lights and telephone. Splendid neighborhood. Address "B. S. W." care of Star office. noc 25-tf.

FOR SALE—One sorrel horse, weighing 1,400 pounds, 7 years old; well broke, kind and gentle, sound in every way. Will sell or exchange for two smaller horses. This horse too large for our purpose. Address C. M. Faircloth, Clinton, N. C. dec 11 4w

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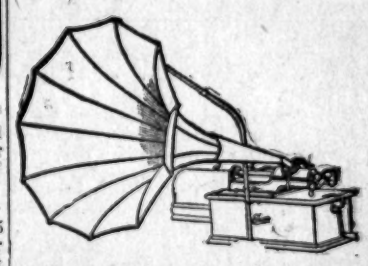

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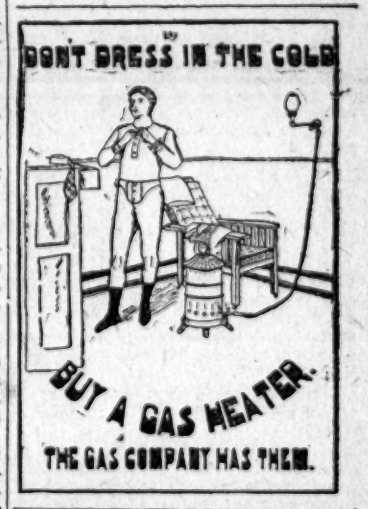

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Statesville Landmark: Postmaster General Meyer will arrive in Statesville Monday en route to Houstonville on a shooting expedition. He was down here last year on the same errand.

—Fayetteville Observer: The condition of Mr. J. H. Ledbetter, who was recently operated on in Richmond, Va., for appendicitis, and who is still in the hospital there, shows little improvement, and he is still dangerously ill, we regret to learn.

—Rocky Mount Record: A thievery of marked peculiarity occurred recently and the railroad authorities have as yet not found the guilty parties. The robbery was from a package containing the suits of the police of this city.

—Hickory, Dec. 19.—A drove of more than two hundred turkeys was a rather unusual sight on the streets yesterday. These turkeys had been driven across the mountains, and brought here to market in this manner.

—Roanoke-Chowan Times: The largest returns in money from one acre of peanuts that has been reported to this office was received by Mr. A. J. Outland, of Woodland, who sold the peanuts from one acre for $90.00, receiving four cents a pound for them.

—New bern Journal: The dock was full of oyster boats last night. All loaded down but sales appeared to be slow. They were selling all the way from thirty to sixty cents a tub and were of very good quality The difference in price was on account of the difference in size.

—Wake Forest, Dec. 19.—Two of the nine Sophomores expelled for hazing by the student college committee Tuesday have been reinstated, having proven that they were not guilty. The others, after a hearing of those who did not confess, stand expelled.

—Greensboro Record: There must be some whiskey of quality left in the country—some that awakens a man's ideas. A friend started with another to Keeley the other day. On the way the man being taken got the other drunk; at the institute the intended patient informed the authorities that he had a patient for them and placing him in bed, departed for home. That kind of liquor is worth $20 a gallon at prevailing prices.

—Charlotte Chronicle: Work on the $500,000 freight yards improvement in North Charlotte, which was stopped by the panic, last year, is to be resumed early in January, and the Southern will soon have here the best freight handling facilities south of Alexandria. It has not any too much ground for its tracks, either, as manufacturing establishments are crowding in wherever they can find room.

—Charlotte Observer: "I understand why the President is so loquaciously verbose and vocabularic in his prolific periodic pronunciamentos," said a man yesterday, with the expression on his face of one on whom a great light has dawned. "He is getting in practice for those dollar-a-word magazine articles from Africa. Just suppose he had been paid at that rate for all his Presidential messages!"

—Rocky Mount Record: Recent travel on the through southbound trains has been so large that it has been necessary to run train No. 85 in two sections. The first section last night carried the local passenger travel and all baggage and through express cars while the last section was a solid train of nine sleepers. Both trains are run on a close schedule. If the southern travel continues there is little doubt but that this train will continue to be run in two sections until January 4, at which time the thorough Florida limited will be put on for the winter months.

—Salisbury Post: The Graf mine in Mortan township, three miles from Gold Hill, has passed into the hands of a strong company, capitalized at $1,000,000, and in a short while work is to be vigorously pushed on the property. The consummation of this deal was largely the work of Captain W. Murdock Wiley who came in from New York two weeks ago. The Graf mine is 15 miles southeast of Salisbury and the property acquired by the purchasers embraces 167 acres. One shaft has already been sunk to a depth of 60 feet and operations will be confined principally to this shaft, from which very rich ore has been taken in the past.

—News and Observer: Rev. Milton A. Barber, rector of Christ Church had a very narrow escape from serious injury yesterday. After conducting the funeral services of Miss Jeannette Besson he was in a landau in front of the funeral cortege going to Oakwood Cemetery. One of the horses became restive and the driver struck at it but hit the wrong horse, which wheeled suddenly, cut the carriage around and turned it over before control could be regained. The carriage was badly torn up, while the driver and horses escaped with slight injuries, Mr. Barber being unhurt.

—News and Observer: Thursday Governor Glenn pardoned James Dixon, convicted in Sampson criminal court, April term, 1908, of larceny and sentenced to two years on the roads. Last night the News and Observer received the following telegram from its correspondent at Clinto: "The pardon of James Dixon was quite a surprise to a great many Sampson people. No notice of the application for a pardon had been given, and the whole proceeding was conducted with the utmost secrecy at this end of the line. The people of the county generally thought the verdict a righteous one. The case took five days in the Superior court, was appealed to the Supreme court and affirmed."

TALK ABOUT DISTRIBUTION!

Geo. O. Gaylord's Big Stores

are distributing Toys of every kind in great abundance to old Santa Claus. The Christmas shopping has begun in earnest and we are trying hard to please everyone. In the great selection of goods we are showing, you are most sure to find what you want. Our stock is not broken, every department is replenished every day from our Wholesale Department. We own this great immense stock of goods, bought direct from the manufacturer, and we can, and we do sell cheaper than the others. It is up to us to prove it, and I am glad of the opportunity to do so. We have an assortment of all kinds of wagons, both wood and iron from the small steel wagon at 10c up to a large farm wagon at $7.50 each. We have goat harness at $1.75, and Goat Sulkies for $2.50, extra shafts for $1.00 a set. Doll carriages, the new collapsible kind, which fold up, for $2.50. Wood and Reed Carriages from 25c to $4.50. We just received a nice line of Children's Carriages for the real live baby, the kind that has rubber tires, folding tops, collapsible frame, the Carriage that you can't get elsewhere for $12.50, our special Christmas price $7.50 and $8.50 each.

In Doll Babies for the home Christmas tree or Sunday Schools, sold exclusively at wholesale prices in all kinds and styles from 1c each to $7.50 each. Our line of 10c dolls are 15 inches tall with bisque heads with hair and teeth and movable limbs, a doll that is worth 25c you can buy from us at 10c each.

Ladies Cloaks—We have just bought a large assortment of new samples at half price. A $7.00 Cloak sold for $3.98; $5.00 Cloak for $2.69; a $10.00 Cloak for $5.00. A big reduction in Cloaks all through the line. Remember we have hundreds of cloaks to sell and the price is no object. A beautiful assortment of Bear skin Cloaks just received today for the children. Listen for the Christmas chimes and be ready on time, and let us help you out in getting together the assortment of presents that you want. Remember, the store that has fifty clerks and each one is anxious to please you.

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G-reat comfort you'll find, they give after each meal,
B-uy a box from your dealer and much happier you'll feel.
Y-our troubles will all vanish in rich RUGBY smoke,

C-onsoled you'll feel, even if you are broke.
I-n introducing this brand, we give a neat RUGBY pin,
C-reat snokers all wear them, and don't think it's a sin,
A-ll wise men recommend this special brand,
R-ight now is the time, while your dealer has them on hand.

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TRAINS LEAVE WILMINGTON AS FOLLOWS.

	No. 45	No. 39.
Lv. Wilm't'n...	4:45 A. M.	3:00 P. M.
Ar. Lumb't'n...	7:11 A. M.	5:43 P. M.
Ar. Maxton....	7:52 A. M.	6:35 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet....	8:45 A. M.	7:30 P. M.
Lv. Hamlet....	9:05 A. M.	8:10 P. M.
Ar. Monroe....	10:50 A. M.	10:20 P. M.
Ar. Ch'lotte....	11:35 A. M.	11:30 P. M.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for Raleigh and Richmond and points North at Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta.

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NOTICE.

The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.	No. 48.	No. 42.
Lv. Wilmington ..	9:00 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:03 pm	9:55 pm
Ar Wilson	1:00 m	10:53 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount...	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon.....	4:55 pm	2:36 pm
Ar Norfolk	5:55 pm	
Ar. Petersburg....	7:00 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	5:10 am
Ar. Washington....	11:50 pm	8:40 am
Ar. Baltimore.....	1:41 am	10:00 am
Ar. Philadelphia...	4:21 am	12:18 pm
Ar. New York.....	7:23 am	2:45 pm

SOUTHBOUND.	No. 41.	No. 43.
Lv New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar Philadelphia ...	11:37 am	12:15 am
Ar Baltimore	2:12 pm	2:51 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv Norfolk		8:25 am
Lv Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar Weldon.....	9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar Rocky Mount ..	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar Wilson.....	11:47 pm	1:58 pm
Ar Goldsboro.....	6:15 am	3:00 pm
Ar. Wilmington ...	9:25 am	6:10 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.	Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor..	9:05 am	7:20 pm	4:30 am
Ar Col'bia	12:25 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:15 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sa'n..	6:20 pm	2:10 am	9:54 am
Ar. Jk'ville		7 15 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		6:25 pm	12:15 am

NORTHBOUND.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa.....	8:55 pm	7:00 am
Lv. Jacksonville...	8:55 am	7:45 pm
Ar. Savannah.....	1:05 pm	11:59 pm
Lv. Charleston.....	5:30 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia.....	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:15 pm	2:55 am
Ar. Wilmington....	12:45 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound Daily.
Lv. Wilmington..	8:40 am	Ar 8:05 pm
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Ar. Sanford.....	1:40 pm	Lv 3:30 pm

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Ar. Newbern ...	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:15 am

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SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00 8:30 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM WRIGHTSVILLE

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:20, 7:25, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 7:25, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:55, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM THE BEACH

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 7:15, 7:45, 9:15, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:45, 10:45 A. M. 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

TO GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO FROM WILMINGTON

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, *2:25, 3:00, *3:45, 4:30 *5:05, 6:00, *6:05, 7:00, *7:05, 8:30, *9:05, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at *8:25, 8:30, *9:05, 10:00, 11:30 A. M. *12:05, 1:00, *1:25, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:35, 7:40, 8:10, 8:40, 9:40, 11:10 A. M., 12:40, 2:10, *2:35, *3:55, 4:10, *5:15, 5:40, *6:15, 6:40, *7:15, 8:10, *9:15, 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at *8:35, *9:15, 10:10, 11:10 A. M., *12:15, 12:40, *1:35, 2:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 5:40, 6:10, 7:10, 8:1 , 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 21.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Market, steady 37c.

ROSIN—Market, steady $2.65 per barrel of 280 pounds.

TAR—Market, firm $1.60.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm $1.75 per barrel for hard; $2.75 for dip and $2.75 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year— spirits turpentine steady 41 1-2; rosin quiet $2.10; tar nothing doing; crude turpentine firm $2.00, $3.00 and $3.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	11
Rosin	119
Tar	270
Crude Turpentine	71

Receipts—Same day last year, 43 casks spirits turpentine; 817 barrels rosin; 271 barrels tar; 47 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, 8 1-4 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Steady, 10 13-16 cents.

Receipts—2,102 bales, same day last year 2,992 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, December 20th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@75c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c; Virginia, prime 60@65c; extra prime 70@75c; Spanish, 75@80c.

CORN—Firm, 97 1-2c per bushel for white; 92 1-2@95 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, old 17c; shoulders 11 @12 1-2c; sides 12 1-2c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@35c for large springs; growns, dull, 35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dr. flint, 10; green, dull 7c. per pound.

IRISH POTATOES—New 80 and 90c per bushel.

SWEET—POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel for yams.

WOOL—Free of burr, 15c; burry wool 10 to 12c.

TURKEYS—On foot 12 to 13c; 14 to 18c dressed. Dull demand.

CHEESE—Dull 50c per head; dressed 50c.

PORK—Good demand 6 to 8c; corn fed 8c for small pork.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 21.—The cotton market was nervous today with fluctuations rather narrow and irregular, and the close steady at a net decline of 1 to 8 points, near months being relatively easy. Sales were estimated at 150,000 bales.

The market opened steady at unchanged prices to a decline of 4 points or about as due on the cables. The census report published at the opening showed 11,825,115 bales ginned to December 13th, or just about the expected figures and seemed to be attracting no fresh interest for over the holidays. There was some Wall street bull support right after the call and the active months sold a shade over Saturday's closing prices, but offerings increased on the advance notwithstanding the comparative light estimates for tomorrow's receipts, and the market during the afternoon sold off to a net loss of 6 to 8 points. Business seemed to be mostly in the way of evening up for over the first of the year and during the late session trading was very quiet with prices rallying slightly from the low point on covering.

Southern spot markets officially reported were generally unchanged to 1-16c lower. It is predicted that the local warehouse stocks will be up to 200,000 bales by the first of January.

Receipts at the ports today were 48,533 bales, against 59,030 last week and 48,549 last year; for the week 360,000 bales against 408,415 last week and 356,611 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 17,910 bales against 13,018 last year and at Houston 9,909 bales against 12,765 last year.

Spot cotton quiet, 5 points decline; middling uplands 9.15; middling gulf 9.40; sales 9,500 bales. Futures opened steady and closed steady.

Month	Open	Close.
December	8.94	8.86
January	8.55	8.50
February	——	8.53
March	8.62	8.62
April	——	8.64
May	8.68	8.70
June	——	8.68
July	8.66	8.67
August	8.55b	8.58
September	——	8.46
October	8.49	8.48
November	8.52	8.52

PORT MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Galvetson—Steady, 8 3-4; net receipts 12,592; stock 258,083.

New Orleans—Quiet, 8 11-16; net receipts 17,910; stock 268,136.

Mobile—Quiet, 8 9-16; net receipts 2,080; stock 79,356.

Savannah—Quiet, 8 5-16; net receipts 7,262; stock 157,524.

Charleston—Quiet, 8 5-16; net receipts 1,205; stock 26,885.

Wilmington—Quiet, 8 5-16; net receipts 2,102; stock 21,518.

Norfolk—Steady, 8 7-8; net receipts 4,746; stock 46,442.

Baltimore—Nominal, 8 7-8; stock 30,553.

New York—Quiet, 9.15; stock 147,899.

Boston—Quiet, 9.15.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 9.40; stock 3,824.

Brunswick—Stock 51,619.

Jacksonville—Net receipts 636.

Total today, at all ports, Net 48,533; Great Britain 32,878; France 17,085; Continent 450; Stock 1,092,299.

Consolidated, at all ports, Net 104,893; Great Britain 69,518; France 19,842; Continent 53,645.

Total since Sept. 1st, at all ports, Net 5,794,914; Great Britain 1,645,462; France 600,679; Continent 1,792,457; Japan 54,638; Mexico 1,953.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Quiet, 8 11-16; net receipts 8,909; stock 142,941.

Augusta—Quiet, 8 3-4; net receipts 1,773; stock 100,444.

Memphis—Quiet, 8 3-4; net receipts 5,306; stock 174,218.

St. Louis—Dull, 9.00; net receipts 567; stock 36,604.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 822; stock 18,695.

Louisville—Firm, 9.00.

Little Rock—Steady, 8 1-4; net receipts 2,067; stock 44,856.

Total today—Net receipts 19,444; gross receipts 25,678; shipments 25,473; sales 3,992; stock 517,758.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Dec. 21.—Cotton: Spot quiet; prices 1 point higher. American middling fair 5.42; good middling 5.06; middling 4.88; low middling 4.68; good ordinary 4.17; ordinary 3.77. The sales of the day were 5,000 bales of which 300 were for speculation and export and included 4,300 American. Receipts 23,000 bales, all American.

Futures opened steady and closed easy. December 4.87; December and January 4.64 1-2; January and February 4.64 1-2; February and March 4.64; March and April 4.63 1-2; April and May 4.64; May and June 4.64 1-2; June and July 4.65; July and August 4.64 1-2; August and September 4.58-1-2; September and October 4.54 1-2; October and November 4.51 1-2; November and December 4.49 1-2; December and January 4.49; January and February (1910) 4.48 1-2.

THE DRY GOCDS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 21.—The dry goods market ruled quiet and steady. Requests for immediate shipment of cotton goods under order were frequent in the mails. The dress goods trade is improving. Heavy woolen goods have been opened for Fall 1909 at prices below those of last season. Raw silk is quiet. Jobbers are doing a moderate business.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 21.—Today's stock market bore on the face of it evidence of important speculative liquidation. Conjecture was a good deal divided as to the course of this liquidation but there was no difference of opinion as to the fact. The apparent disregard of the effect on prices of the selling lent plausibility to a favorite supposition that the holdings that were being sold out had been acquired at an early period of the advance in prices.

The formation of a powerful stock market pool was rumored at an early period in the summer having among its several purposes to demonstrate a return of confidence in the financial and industrial outlook with the object of cultivating the conditions which should conduce to success in proposed financial flotations and in a general way to give a start to the restoration of conditions which had been impaired by the financial upheavel of last year. The stock market has given almost constant indication, ever since that period of fostering protection against any factors of depression and of encouragement and incitement for buying and advancing prices. It is argued that the length of time over which the operations of the supposed stock market pool have continued and the extens've advance in prices which has occurred afford opportunity for profitable liquidation of holdings on a scale down through a correspondingly extensive decline. Rumors of the illness of E. H. Harriman, although authoritatively denied, had some sinister effect on values. The nature of Andrew Carnegie's testimony in the tariff hearings at Washington served to emphasize the feeling that the proposed tariff revision is widening in its scope and in its expected effects. The extensive short interest built up in the course of the day's selling made the basis for the partial recovery which much lessened the extreme losses. The closing tone, however, was irregular. The general bond market was irregular. Total sales, par value, $8,262,000.

United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales of stocks today were 1,342,900 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 21.—Money on call firm 3 to 3 3-4 per cent., ruling rate 3 1-2, closing bid 3 1-4, offered at 3 1-2 per cent. Time loans easier, sixty and ninety days 3 1-2 per cent., six months 3 1-2 to 3 3-4. Prime mercantile paper 4.84 1-2. Sterling exchange steady at an advance with avtual business in bankers bills at 4.8505 to 4.8515 for sixty day bills and at 4.8720 for demand. Commercial bills 4.84 5-8 to 4.85 3-4. Bar silver 48 5-8. eMxican dollars 45.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	103
U. S. refunding 2s cou	104
U. S. 3s reg	100 3-4
U. S. 3s cou	100 3-4
U. S. 4s reg	120 1-4
U. S. 4s cou	121
Amr. Tobacco Co. 6s	108
Atlantic Coast Line 4s b	96 1-8
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	100 1-4
L. & N. Unified 4s	101 1-4
Seaboard Air Line 4s b	62
Southern Railway 5s	108 1-2
U. S. Steel 5s	102 1-4

Closing Stock Lists.

Amalgamated Copper	78
Amr. Car & Foundry	45 3-8
Amr. Car & Foundry pfd	107 1-2
Amr. Cotton Oil Co.	40 1-2
Amr. Locomotive	54 1-4
Amr. Smelting & Ref	80 3-8
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	100 3-4
American Sugar Refining	127
Amr. Tobacco pfd	91 1-2
Atchison	95 1-2
Atchison pfd	101 1-2
Atlantic Coast Line	104
Baltimore & Ohio	107 5-8
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	91 1-2
Chesapeake & Ohio	56
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	145 1-8
Colorado Southern	57 5-8
Erie	32 5-8
Erie 1st pfd	47 1-8
Erie 2nd pfd	37 3-4
Great Northern pfd	142 1-4
Kansas City Southern	37 1-8
Kansas City Southern pfd	67 7-8
L. & N.	119@120 1-2
Norfolk & Western	84
Northern Pacific	137 3-8
Pennsylvania	128 3-4
People's Gas	99 7-8
Reading	137 1-4
Rock Island Co.	22 1-8
Rock Island Co. pfd	56 3-8
Southern Pacific	116 3-4
Southern Pacific pfd	121
Southern Railway	24 1-8
Southern Railway pfd	57 3-4
Standard Oil	678
Union Pacific	178
U. S. Steel	52
U. S. Steel pfd	111 3-8
Va.-Car. Chemical	42 3-4
Va.-Car. Chemical pfd	113
Western Union ex div	65 1-4
Westinghouse Electric Co.	84 1-2

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 21.—Flour dull and barely steady.

Rye Flour and Corn Meal—Steady.

Buckwheat Flour and Buckwheat—Dull.

Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 1.06 1-8 to 1.07 5-8 elevator. Options 1-8 to 1-4c net rise. Dec. 1.08 1-2; May 1.10 1-8; July 1.04 1-8.

Corn—Spot easy; No. 2, 64 1-2 to arrive elevator. Options 1-2c net higher. Dec. 65 3-4; May 67 3-8; July and Sept. 67 3-8.

Oats—Spot steady; mixed 54 to 54 1-2.

Lard—Firm.

Pork and Tallow—Steady.

Rice and Molasses—Quiet.

Sugar—Raw quiet; fair refining 3.23 to 3.27.

Butter—Steady; creamery specials 32 to 32 1-2; official prices 32; creamery extras 31 to 31 1-2; creamery thirds to firsts 23 to 30; creamery held common to special 22 to 29; State hairy common to special 21 to 29; process common to special 18 to 23.

Cheese—Quiet but firm; State full cream special 14 1-2 to 15 1-2; septemher, small or large, colored or white 10 1-2 to 14; skims, full to specials 2 1-2 to 11 3-4.

Eggs—Irregular; State, Pennsylvania and nearby selected white 40 to 42; fair to choice 36 to 38; brown and mixed fancy 34 to 35; fair to choice 30 to 33.

Coffee—Steady; Rio No. 7, 6 5-8; Santos No. 4, 7 7-8 to 8 1-8. Mild—Dull; Cordova 9 1-4 to 12 1-2. Futures closed net unchanged to 5 points higher.

Cotton Seed Oil—More active with prices generally a shade lower under lack of support. Prime crude 29 1-2; prime summer yellow 37 3-4 to 38; off summer yellow 36 to 38; good off summer yellow 36 1-2 to 38; prime white 38 to 42; prime winter yellow 44 to 45 1-2.

Peanuts—Firm; fancy handpicked 4 3-4 to 5; other domestic 2 to 4 1-2.

Freights to Liverpool—Steady; cotton by steam 12c; grain by steam 1 3-4d.

Potatoes—Steady; Maine in bulk per 180 lbs. 2.50 to 2.62 1-2; State and Western in bulk, per 180 lbs. 2.25 to 2.37 1-2; Long Island, per barrel 2.75 to 2.85; Jersey, per barrel or bag 1.90 to 2.12; European, per bag 1.75 to 2.00; Southern sweet, per barrel 15.0 to 2.50; Jersey, per barrel 2.00 to 2.50.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Buying by several of the leading holders caused the wheat market to close strong today, final quotations being 1-4 to 1-2c up. Corn, oats and provisions also closed firm.

Leading futures were as follows:

	Open	High	Close
Wheat.			
Dec.	99 7-8	1 00 5-8	1 00 5-8
May	1 05 1-8	1 05 3-4	1 05 3-4
July	97 1-8	97 3-4	97 5-8
Corn.			
Dec.	55 7-8	56 1-2	56 1-4
May	59 7-8	60 5-8	60 5-8
July	59 3-4	60 1-2	60 1-2
Oats.			
Dec.	48 3-8	49 1-8	49 1-8
May	50 3-4	51 1-4	51 1-4
July	45 5-8	46 1-8	46 1-8
Mess Pork, per bbl.			
Jan.	15 85	16 02 1-2	15 97 1-2
May	16 22 1-2	16 35	16 30
Lard, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	9 25	9 37 1-2	9 32 1-2
May	9 47 1-2	9 57 1-2	9 55
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	8 25	8 32 1-2	8 27 1-2
May	8 57 1-2	8 62 1-2	8 57 1-2

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour, steady. No. 2 spring wheat 1.05 to 1.07; No. 3, 98 to 1.06; No. 2 red 1.01 3-4 to 1.02 3-4. No. 2 corn 56 3-4 to 57; No. 2 yellow 56 3-4 to 57. No. 2 white oats 50; No. 3 white 47 1-2 to 49 1-2. No. 2 rye 74 to 74 1-2. Good feeding barley 57. Fair to choice malting 59 to 63. No. 1 Northwestern flax seed 1.47 1-2. Prime timothy seed 3.80. Clover contract grades 9.30. Short ribs, sides (loose) 7.75 to 8.25. Mess Pork, per bbl. 14.62 1-2 to 14.75. Lard, per 100 lbs. 9.30 to 9.32 1-2. Short clear sides (boxed) 8.37 1-2 to 8.50.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 21.—Rosin and turpentine quiet.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 21.—Turpentine firm 38; sales 523; receipts 813; shipments 282.

Rosin firm; sales 2,430; receipts 4,420; shipments 16,916; stock 149,770.—Quote: A. B. C. C. 2.92 1-2; E, 2.92 1-2 to 2.95; F, 2.95; H, 3.40; I, 4.15; K, 5.10; M, 5.80; N, 6.15; WG, 6.40; WW, 6.50.

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Str. Lyon, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, C. P. Love.

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Str. Lyon, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, C. P. Love.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 21, 1908.

C. C. Railroad—216 bales cotton, 101 barrels tar, 22 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—173 bales cotton, 19 barrels rosin, 2 barrels tar, 13 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—1,608 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 6 barrels rosin, 104 barrels tar, 19 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—54 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 70 barrels rosin, 53 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—50 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 24 barrels rosin, 17 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Lyon—1 bales cotton, 10 barrels tar.

Total—2,102 bales cotton, 11 casks spirits turpentine, 119 barrels rosin, 270 barrels tar, 71 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now In Port of Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Str. Helena (Br.) 2,708 tons, Kelley, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Cardigan (Br.) 2,689 tons, Davis, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Holmlea, (Br.) 1,143 tons, Airey, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Eriphia, (Ger.) 1,295 tons, Bellman, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Horace P. Shares, 392 tons, Flynn, C. D. Maffitt.

Joel L. Cook, 319 tons, Loveland, C. D. Maffitt.

Millie R. Bohannan, 570 tons, Little, C. D. Maffitt.

Ada F. Brown, 1,294 tons, Wallace, C. D. Maffitt.

Barges.

Flore, Little River, S. C., Hammer Lumber Co.

—Spencer, N. C., Dec. 19.—W. H. Morris, a well known fireman on the Southern Railway, was badly burned at Lexington today while on his engine. The injector blew off and his face and neck were severely injured and a part of his hair signed. Being unable to continue his run, he was brought back to Spencer.

Report of the Condition of The Southern National Bank, at Wilmington, in the State of N. C., at the close of business, November 27th, 1908.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts		$ 957,110.34
Overdrafts secured and unsecured		3,740.29
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		200,000.00
Other Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		66,690.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		4,550.35
Bonds, securities, etc.		49,885.00
Banking House, furniture and fixtures		5,000.00
Other real estate owned		None
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	$257,757.34	
Due from State Banks and Bankers	178,985.30	
Due from approved reserve agents	197,699.23	
Checks and other cash items	5,397.66	
Notes of other National Banks	6,900.00	
Fractional Paper currency, nickels and cents	1,398.23	648,137.76
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$26,000.00	
Legal tender notes	40,000.00	66,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation		10,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent. Redemption fund		3,874.00
Total		$ 2,014,987.74

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock paid in		$ 200,000.00
Surplus Fund		100,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		33,032.35
National Bank notes outstanding		200,000.00
Due to other National Banks	$484,033.15	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	459,199.01	
Due to 13 Trust Companies and Savings Banks	68,657.99	
Individual deposits subject to check	413,918.91	
Certified checks	1,071.25	
Cashier's checks outstanding	5,075.08	
United States Deposits	50,000.00	1,481,955.39
Bonds borrowed		None
Notes and bills rediscounted		None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed		None
Total		$ 2,014,987.74

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss:

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MRS. HELENE ANNIS ON WITNESS STAND

She Testifies as to The Killing of Her Husband.

THORNTON JENKIN'S PART

In the Affair Told Her and Other Witnesses Present—Mrs. Annis Driven Back at Muzzle of His Pistol—Evidence.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The trial of Thornton Jenkins Hains reached a climax of dramatic intensity today when Mrs. Helene E. Annis, widow of William E. Annis, on a deliberate recital lasting for nearly three hours, pictured the killing of her husband, as he sat at the tiller of his boat, by Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr.

Mrs. Annis nearly fainted a few minutes before her examination was concluded. She swayed in her chair, but quickly recovered after drinking a glass of water and smelling a vial of salts.

It was a hard day for the defense and counsel for Hains was exhausted from the arduous cross-examination which was directed toward the State's witness in an effort to shake their testimony. Thornton Hains lost much of the easy non-chalence that has characterized his manner in previous sessions. When led from the court this evening by two deputy sheriffs the prisoner appeared dejected and careworn.

Garbed in a black cloth suit and wearing a wide flaring hat that cast a shodow over the upper part of her face, Mrs. Annis made an impressive figure on the witness stand as she told in quiet tones here story of August 15th at the Bayside Yacht Club. Several new points of eveidence added dramatic interest to the trial.

When Annis' boat came alongside the float, the widow testified, Thornton Hains beckoned to his brother and led the way down the runway. The shooting followed within a few moments.

Lawyer McIntyre sought to discredit the "beckoning episode" which the State asserts proves that the author induced the army captain to commit the crime, and kept Mrs. Annis on this point under cross-examination for nearly half hour.

Hains counsel developed that Mrs. Annis had not told District Attorney Darrin that the defendant had beckoned to his brother until last week.

"I ran down the runway and Thornton Hains pointed his revolver at me. I turned to go back and he pressed the weapon against my back, saying: 'You get out of here or you will get the same.' I ran up the runway and looking back saw my husband fall into the water." So said Mrs. Annis in relating her story, and this new evidence the lawyers for Hains struggled vainly to discredit.

Another important witness today was Charles H. Roberts, a Bayside Yacht Club members. When the trial opened Roberts took the stand. He said he went to the club with Mrs. Annis in the stage on the afternoon of August 15th. Mr. Roberts said: "I was standing near the gangway when I observed Annis' and Hill's boats coming toward the dock. The boats were coming alongside the dock when I heard a shot and Mrs. Annis scream 'Look out, Will.'

"I started across the float toward Captain Hains, who was in a crouching position. It was then that Thornton Hains stepped in between us and, pointing a revolver in my face, said: 'Keep off! Keep off, or I will kill you.'"

Mr. Roberts said that Captain Hains was about three feet from Annis.

"I stopped when Thornton Hains pointed the gun in my face and saw Annis stagger and fall into the water. I pulled him out of the dater. Annis was placed on the float. The defendant was about six or seven feet away. After the first shot I started across the dock and the pistol was then pointed in my face and it was held there until the firing was over."

After the shooting the Haines brothers moved over to the other side of the float, said Roberts, and defendant lighted a cigarette and the captain a pipe. Captain Hains opened a card case and handed out a card. Roberts said: "I said to Captain Hains: 'The army must be proud of officers like you.'

The defendant said he wanted to explain, and I told him I did not want any explanations. I told Thornton Hains: 'You are as guilty as your brother. You prevented us from stopping the shooting,' and the defendant replied: 'What could I do? He is my brother.'"

The witness said that Thornton Hains took his brother's wrist as if telling his pulse.

Mr. Roberts said: "I asked the Hains brothers if they wanted to commit such crimes, why they didn't select some place where women and children would not see it," and the defendant replied: 'I am as sorry as you are. I have been trying to keep from doing it for some time.'

"Thornton Hains said to me that he had saved my life, that if I had gone near his brother I would have been killed. I said 'That's a nice way to save a man's life, to point a gun in his face and prevent him from saving a man's life.'"

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CONFERENCE WITH TAFT

John Hays Hammond in Augusta—No More Cabinet Appointments—Knox Invited to Visit the President-elect.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 21.—President-elect Taft conferred today with John Hays Hammond, president of the National League of Republican Clubs, and received suggestions which will be given serious consideration respecting new fields of future usefulness for that organization.

Mr. Taft said Mr. Hammond, who arrived here today with Mrs. Hammond and two of their sons for an extended stay, was invited by him to come. He added that there were many things he wanted to talk over with the eminent mining engineer, including political conditions and appointments. The two have been friends since their college days when they were classmates.

Mr. Hammond was emphatic in saying he was not a candidate for either the Cabinet, the diplomatic corps, or any other position under the new administration. If he had any ambition whatever, he said, it would be to head a department of public works, in the event such a department should be established. In the oragnization of such, he believes, his engineering experience would be valuable to the government in organizing a branch of service having for its purpose the conservation of the natural resources and their administration.

Mr. Taft said tonight he had written Senator Knox inviting him to come to Augusta within the next two or three weeks if he could, at which time a Cabinet conference would be held. In this connection Mr. Taft said he believed he was beginning to see where so many Cabinet rumors came from. The publishing of a name with the information that its possessor was being "seriously considered" for the Cabinet he found has followed the suggestion of that name to him by some one interested in the person. He added that he still believed it would take more than the suggestion of a name and its publishment to build the Cabinet. No actual developments, he asserted, had occurred recently and there was nothing to be added to the public information on the situation at this time. Mr. Taft has stated specifically that there is no foundation for any of the recent Cabinet rumors.

The Taft family today moved into the Terrett cottage which is to be theirs during the remainder of their stay here. They lunched at the Bon Air Hotel, where they are to take their meals. At dinner tonight they were the guests of the Country Club.

Many invitations are coming to Mr. Taft to visit points in Georgia and the South. He said today that he would be unable to accept them and should probably thereby be compelled to refuse to go anywhere except to keep his Atlanta engagement.

COTTON REPORT.

Census Report of Ginners' Returns to Census Bureau.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 21.—A total of 11,892,115 running bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1908 to December 13th, against 9,284,070 at the same date of last year, and 27,269 active ginneries against 27,156 in 1907, were announced by the census bureau in its report today. The figures count round bales as bales and exclude linters.

The bales ginned to December 13th aggregate 11,112,789 in 1906, and 9,297,819 in 1905. The total of 1907 crop was 11,057,822, of which 84 per cent. was ginned to December 13th; crop of 1906, 12,983,201, of which 85.6 ginned to December 13th, and crop of 1905, 10,495,105, or 88.6 per cent. by December 13th. The report includes 215,029 round bales for 1908, 167,204 for 1907, and 242,096 for 1906. Sea Island bales aggregate 80,187.

MURDERED FOR HIS MONEY.

Theory of the Killing of the Man Near Bluefields, W. Va.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 21.—A Bluefields, W. Va., special says the coroner's jury which has been investigating the death of Charles Kreicer, the Canadian whose body was found hanging from a tree near Bluefields, yesterday rendered a verdict that it was a murder by parties unknown. Several Greeks are said to be under suspicion.

The man who was traveling with his wife and 12 children from Esterhazy, Canada, to Petersburg, Va., left the train at Bluefields to buy some food for the party. He entered a restaurant and purchased lunch, but when he returned to the station the train had pulled out with the other members of the family. It is believed Kreicar, who is said to have had $700 in cash on his person, was lured away by thugs who robbed him and then hanged him.

MR. GALLOWAY PASSES AWAY

Southport Citizen Died Saturday and Was Buried Sunday.

The death of Mr. Frank Galloway, once a resident of this city, but for many years past a citizen of Southport, occurred at his home in the latter place late Saturday, following an illness of several months. Besides a number of relatives he has many friends in Wilmington, who will be grieved to learn of his death.

The deceased was some 56 years old and there are surviving besides his wife, a brother, Mr. Gus Galloway, of Southport, and a sister, Mrs. Chas. Legge, of this city. He was a nephew of the late Captain Swift Galloway, who passed away only recently.

The funeral was held from the home in Southport, Sunday afternoon, where the remains were interred.

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CARNEGIE AMUSED THE COMMITTEE

Questioned by Ways and Means Committee For Eight Hours Yesterday.

WAS INSTRUCTIVE WITNESS

"Steel King" Avoided Figures—Said That Steel Corporation Could Get Along Without Tariff on Its Products.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 21.—Andrew Carnegie famous for the millions he made in the steel business and for his views on economic questions, made a most entertaining, if not instructive witness before the House Ways and Means Committee today, in connection with the proposed revision of the tariff.

An article of the tariff, especially as to the steel schedule, written by Mr. Carnegie, recently appeared in a monthly magazine. Owing to the statements made in that article, it became the basis for the questions asked by the members of the committee when the hearings on the steel schedule were held.

Mr. Carnegie had been invited by the committee to come to Washington and give any information the committee could use in determining proposed changes in the steel schedule. As Mr. Carnegie declined to accept the invitation, he was subpoenaed to appear.

Examined For Eight Hours.

Although he was on the stand today for nearly eight hours, Mr. Carnegie laughed and joked good naturedly throughout. He exasperated several of the "stand patters" with his epigramatic replies, praised the genius of Charles M. Schwab, urged the committee to accept the testimony of Judge E. H. Gary as conclusive, and told several funny stories. He avoided figures, however, to such an extent that it is doubtful if the tariff framers are any more enlightened on the steel question tonight than they were before Mr. Carnegie was sworn in by Chairman Payne at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Carnegie's principal contention was that the steel industry needs no more protection, that it has reached a point in its development where the American manufacturers can compete with the world under free trade conditions.

He said that Judge Gary told the committee that the United States Steel Corporation can get along without a tariff on its products, and that should be sufficient evidence for the committee to take off the duty on steel and iron.

Jokes on the Committee.

Mr. Carnegie's testimony was most unique and interesting and he frequently caused peals of laughter in the crowded room, the joke often being at the expense of the chairman or some other member of the committee. He declared emphatically against combinations, or "trusts," and said he had nothing to do with the sale of the Carnegie Steel Company to the United States Steel Corporation. He characterized the "stock gambler" as being the worse citizen the country could have, and said that he never had one associated with him in business.

Knowledge of Steel Business.

Reiterating frequently that his testimony was given from his general knowledge of the steel business and not from any familiarity with the intricacies of the cost of manufacture and production at the present time, Mr. Carnegie dealt largely in theories and deductions, stating that he was merely expressing his opinion when his testimony varied from that of Judge Gary and Mr. Schwab. He said that those two gentlemen were very truthful, but that they were interested witnesses and the committee should not place too much stress on figures supplied by "interested witnesses."

Mr. Cargenie evidently enjoyed the cross fire of questions put to him by both Republican and Democratic members of the committee. He seemed to devote his efforts to making Chairman Payne and Representatives Dalzell and Fordney, of Michigan, uncomfortable.

TO HOLD THAW

He Cannot be Sent to Petersburg to Testify.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—Harry K. Thaw the slayer of Stanford White and now confined in the State hospital for the criminal insane at Matteawan, N. Y., cannot be taken to Pittsburg to testify in bankruptcy proceedings, according to a decision handed down today by the United States Circuit court of appeals in this city. Whether the case will be taken to the United States Supreme court is not known here.

The decision affirms the action taken by Judge Young of the United States for the Western district of Pennsylvania, who quashed a writ of habeas corpus compelling Robert B. Lamb, superintendent of the Matteawan Asylum, to turn Thaw over to a United States marshal for the prisoner's appearance at Pittsburg. The writ was allowed by Judge Archbald of the United States court for the middle district of Pennsylvania sitting at Scranton, who was looking after the business in Judge Young's court while the latter was in Europe last Summer.

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FISH DESTRUCTION.

Deplored by Commissioner Bowers—North Carolina an Exception.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 21.—"The most serious condition now confronting the American fishing industry is the failure of the States to afford adequate protection to migratory fishes in State and inter-State waters."

This is the serious note of warning sounded by George M. Bowers, United States Fish Commissioner, in his annual report made public today.

Mr. Bowers states that the fishes most in need of consideration are the shad, the striped bass, and the sturgeon on the Atlantic coast and the salmon in the Pacific States.

The disappearance of the sturgeon from nearly every east coast river, Mr. Bowers states, "shows how greed and indifference may in a single generation destroy a valuable fishery."

North Carolina stands out as the only State among all the States in which the bureau engages in the cultivation of shad, where the general decline of this fishery has been arrested. "The immediate effect of sensible protective measures in this State" says the commissioner, "shows the results that may be expected from similar legislation for the various important streams, like the Potomac, the Susquehanna and the Delaware, in which the shad has been persistently destroyed year after year without any regard for the future."

THE BEACH HARGIS TRIAL

The Evidence Begun—To Open Up the Life of the Deceased.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 21.—The jury which is to try Beach Hargis at Irvine, on the charge of murdering his father, Judge James Hargis, was completed soon after court convened today. All the jurors are farmers.

It is stated that the defendant will introduce witnesses to lay bare the whole life of Judge James Hargis, giving the whole of his alleged connection with Breathitt county feuds and assassinations. The defense hopes it can prove by these witnesses that Judge Hargis was responsible for his own death.

Hearing of testimony began in the afternoon. James P. Brophy, clerk in the Hargis store, swore that Beach Hargis shot his father five times; that young Hargis shot his father before the father grappled with him and that two shots were fired while the father and son lay on the floor.

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